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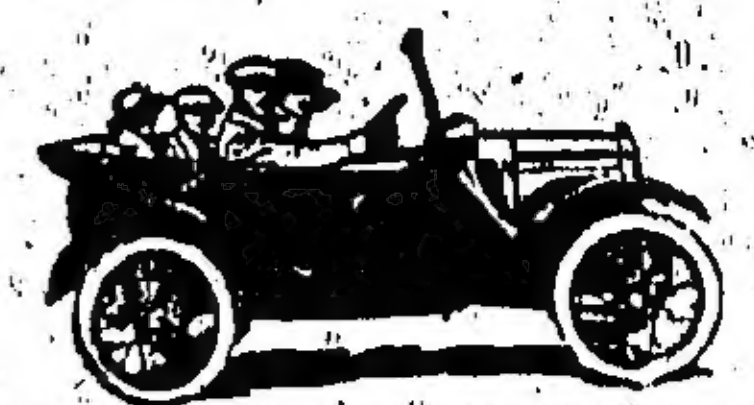
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RENTS DEBATE.

DEFINITE DATE FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PROBABLE PROCEDURE.

Committee of Enquiry Foreshadowed.

By Thursday afternoon next Hongkong will know more or less how the Government will arrive at its decision on the Rents Ordinance.

On inquiry yesterday afternoon, a "China Mail" reporter learned that a meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on February 26 (next Thursday). In the Orders of the Day there will appear a resolution for submission to the Council.

Presumably this resolution is the one which was mentioned at the beginning of this month as the "open resolution" which would be submitted to the Council "for discussion."

It is gathered that there was no question of rushing the matter through on Thursday unless the Unofficial members so desire. An adjournment seems more probable.

Sir Henry Pollock, the senior of the six Unofficial representatives, courteously replied to the "China Mail" inquiries. The Unofficial members had not held a joint discussion, and he could not say if they would meet for that purpose before Thursday.

Sir Henry understood that the Government's course would be to appoint a committee of the Council to go into the question of the Rents Ordinance. On Thursday there would be no division on the resolution, but there might be a slight discussion.

Coming into effect on July 1, 1921, with the rent on December 31, 1920, as the "standard rent," the Rents Ordinance has been continued and would automatically expire on June 30 this year.

With its amendments, its additions, and the Reconstruction Sections, the Ordinance has been the subject of much discussion. Its pros and cons have been threshed out. Nearly everybody has had something to say about its advantages and disadvantages. Arguments for and against it have been made public, and the

Government's ultimate decision will be of momentous interest.

Up till now, the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council have not published their views. As the Government has preferred to submit the resolution to Council, it is apparent that no decision has been made.

What that decision will be is a matter for pure conjecture; but the consensus of opinion is that

CANTON STRIFE.

Chan too Proud To Fight?

SUN YAT-SEN SUCCESES.

THE COMING TUSSELE FOR WAICHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 20.

Once more Dr. Sun Yat-sen's troops are approaching the range of hills skirting Waichow. Will this Chan Kwing-ming stronghold fall at last because his allies are "too proud—or, rather, too puffed—to fight?"

In Canton the man in the street has been talking about Chan Kwing-ming being "too proud to

CHILD SLAVES.

PROFIT OUT OF SOULS AND BODIES.

HONGKONG'S EXAMPLE.

What Home Paper Says of Shanghai Scheme.

The problem of child labour in China is attracting considerable attention in the Home Press, although some of the contributors to the discussion have not taken the trouble to acquaint themselves fully with the facts.

A Reuter's cablegram from London to-day states:—The article on "Child Slaves of China," based on the report of the Shanghai Municipal Council Commission of Inquiry into Child Labour, is published by the weekly journal, the "New Statesman," which says that the report makes practical recommendations of reform.

approval of all who have been in a position to observe their manner of operation and the effects which have followed.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in a recent report, referred to the wholehearted manner in which the employers were endeavouring to meet the requirements of the laws. Before she left the Colony Miss A. M. Pitts, M.B.E., who served on the Commission, and was prominently associated with the work of relieving the lot of children in China, the mul tai in particular, told a "China Mail" reporter that the recommendations of the Commission were being given effect to, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, and there were already signs of great improvements. No children under twelve are now employed in factories and under fifteen they are not allowed to work more than nine hours a day. Employers are also compelled to give children one holiday in seven.

The regulations brought into being at the request of the Hongkong Commissioners in regard to water carrying are also being observed here, although exceptions may often be made in cases of water carrying during times of shortage. In the ordinary way no child under ten is allowed to carry and above that age there are regulations as to weight.

"I have been in Hongkong for 23 years," said Miss Pitts, and have seen much accomplished in regard to the betterment of conditions among women and children, but there is yet much to be accomplished. One of the things I would like to see done away with is the participation of children in heathen processions, but all this will have to follow years of education."

THE SHANGHAI PROPOSALS.

The proposals as to child labour in Shanghai, which have received such hearty commendation in the article referred to in to-day's cablegram, are largely the outcome of the work of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and of Dr. Sherwood Eddy, who paid a visit to Shanghai a considerable time ago. They are almost identical with those already in operation in Hongkong and reviewed by Miss Pitts. The need for them may be appreciated more fully when it is remembered that there are at least fifty cotton mills around Shanghai and more are continually being opened.

It is anticipated that similar steps to those already taken by Hongkong and contemplated by Shanghai will be taken at Chefoo and Tientsin. In a report on conditions in factories generally at these and other places in China, Dr. Sherwood Eddy stated: "Unrest is growing in the midst of this awful poverty. The workers in the south and central regions and along the railways are learning effectively to strike for better working conditions. Many employers are attempting to keep them contented with their lot. But God forbid that they should accept it."

FATAL CLASH WITH BLACK SHIRT TROOPS.



London papers report that serious fighting has occurred in many Italian cities as a result of Premier Benito Mussolini's attempts to suppress enemies of the Fascists. This photograph shows an armed clash in Rome between Fascist troops and followers of General Garibaldi on the occasion of the celebration of Armistice Day. Shots were being fired when the photograph was "snapped."

a compromise will be made. Some quarters are inclined to think this compromise will take the form of rents restriction for another twelve months with power given to landlords to increase present rentals by a reasonable margin—said in some quarters to be twenty per cent.

Mr. C. J. Perkins, Assistant Surveyor-General, F.M.S., is expected to go on leave in May.

The British steamer "Clindini" sank and the crew of seventeen men perished, on February 10, says a Bombay message.

There can be little doubt that he is not trying. Whether his policy is due to a desire to make peace with Canton or to the reported "split" in his ranks is a matter for conjecture, but there is little doubt that Canton is progressing at a rate beyond the hopes of the most ardent pro-Sun partisan.

This morning reports reached Canton that some of the Cantonese soldiers under General Hsu Shung-chi's command were demonstrating in the approaches to the range of hills in front of Waichow and that the enemy were retreating behind the hill. However, it is felt that no assault will take place until the Yunnanese army has advanced into line. Although they have swept every thing before them this time, the pro-Sun armies will need their combined strength to drive Chan Kwing-ming beyond Waichow and towards Swatow, the coast and the Pukien frontier.

Hostilities began about a fortnight ago and no determined action has been fought as yet except for a counter attack by Hung Shu-lun on Tamsui.

CURRENCY NOTES.

PACKET FOUND TO BE ONLY USELESS PAPER.

Further evidence was taken at the Central Magistracy in the case in which Ngai Sui-chik, an employee of the Societe Francaise de Genere, was charged on remand with the alleged theft of \$6,000 in Straits Settlements currency.

Mr. M. H. Turner prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended. From Mr. Turner's opening statement of the facts of the case, it appeared that the accused was employed with others in making up packets of notes for despatch to Singapore. One of the packets despatched in January was found on arrival to contain useless paper and pages from exercise books, some of which are alleged to be in the handwriting of the accused's son and daughter.

Evidence was given by Mr. J. Mozeres, the cashier, and the case was further adjourned.

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INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG SHARE-BROKERS' ASSOCIATION will be CLOSED ON MONDAY, 16th, TUESDAY, 17th, WEDNESDAY, 18th, and SATURDAY, 21st Instant.

By Order of the Committee, J. W. KEW, Secretary, Hongkong, 13th February, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, February 28th, 1925, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, February 23rd, 1925.

Handicaps will be published on Friday, February 27th, 1925. Hongkong, 13th February, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are hereby advised that the Badges issued to them for the ANNUAL RACE MEETING will also be available for the 1st EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on the 28th of February, 1925.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1925.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE Draw for Open Events and Club Championship is posted in the Pavilion.

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The Register of shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 9th February, to Saturday, the 21st February, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager, Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 26th February, 1925, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 16th February, 1925, until Thursday, 26th February, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 7th February, 1925.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 3rd March, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and electing a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY the 18th February, 1925 until TUESDAY the 3rd March, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 13th February, 1925.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEAD-QUARTERS on THURSDAY, 5th MAR H. 1925.

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Schedules have been sent to patrons, Life members and all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

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One fault overcome, one duty more perfectly fulfilled, one new obedience, may well be sufficient fruit of Lent, and help to make life one harmonious whole in Christ.

—F. W. D.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

The first day of Lent falls this year on February 25. Spiritual efforts are being made in the Colony to bring its importance and opportunity to the notice of the British community, for in the winter of 1925-1926, a mission is to be held in the Far East to deepen the spiritual life of the foreign communities. The names of the missions are not yet at hand, but they will be well-known leaders from home. Lent then comes with added appeal, as a time of preparation for this mission. Special short devotional services will be held in the Cathedral at 6 o'clock every Wednesday evening, when addresses will be given by the Rev. R. J. Northcott. There is a special list of Lenten preachers for Sundays, and celebrations of Holy Communion will be daily at 7.45 a.m.

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In every village there are a certain number of people who, sometimes simply out of a sense of duty, for the public good, dispose of the corpses of slaves and malefactors by eating them.

This "disposal" apparently prevents the souls of the dead returning to take vengeance for wrongs suffered during life.

The introducer of a new member to this secret society will "first touch his tongue with a piece of pudding which has been dipped in the stew, then he will be made to eat some of this in tiny bits, and finally he will swallow a piece of flesh."

After this he will have to attend several meetings, and on each occasion he will have to partake of smoked human flesh. When he has been sufficiently hardened to the practice by eating the preserved flesh used on all these occasions, he will be given the opportunity of becoming a full member by assisting at the consumption of a fresh corpse.

Mr. Torday made a close study of Bushongo's arts and crafts in the course of making a collection for the British Museum. Weaving is the occupation of the men; they made beautiful cloths—embroidery that of the women. The pile of some of their cloths is very short and very close and like the finest velvet. Another cloth is made with damask designs, and among the colours used are "very delicate mauve-yellow, with a good black."

It is as sculptors and carvers that the Bushongo are known all over the world; within the last few years African sculptures have become the craze. The principal objects produced are boxes, cups, dishes, drums, chairs and, ranking above all, human figures, of which the most remarkable are statues of the ancient kings.

Mr. Torday adds: "Real artists are rare nowadays, and soon there will be none left." In the past "everything seems to have been ornamented with sculpture."

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Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home.

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"SARDINIA"	8,863	17th Apr.	Moji and Kobe.
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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Telegrams received in Shanghai on February 16, from Peking say that the proposal of Mr. Yu Yeh-ching, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Huipin of the Shanghai Special Municipal Area, to establish opium monopolies and Government Opium Sales Bureaux is meeting with determined opposition by people in the Capital as well as by delegates to the Rehabilitation Conference.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **DODWELL & CO., LTD.** Agents. Hongkong, 17th February, 1925.

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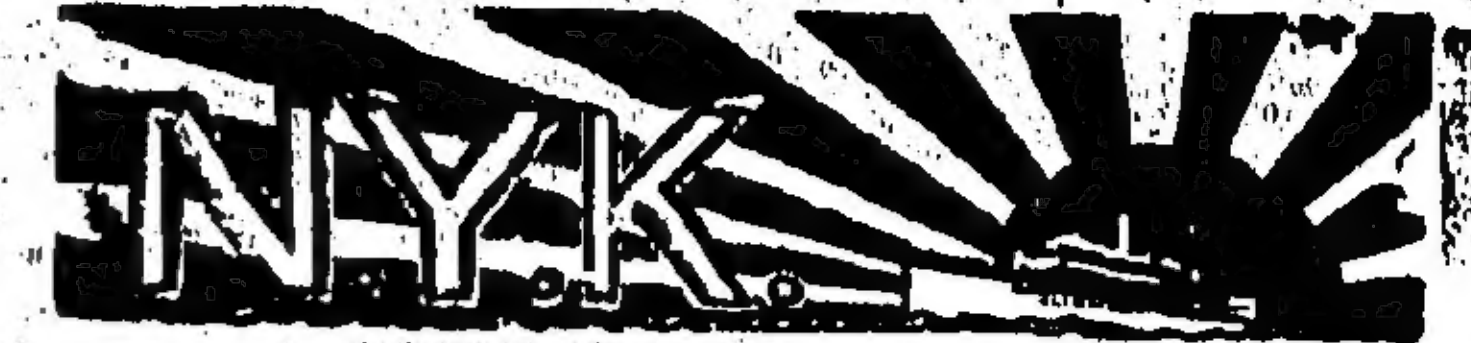
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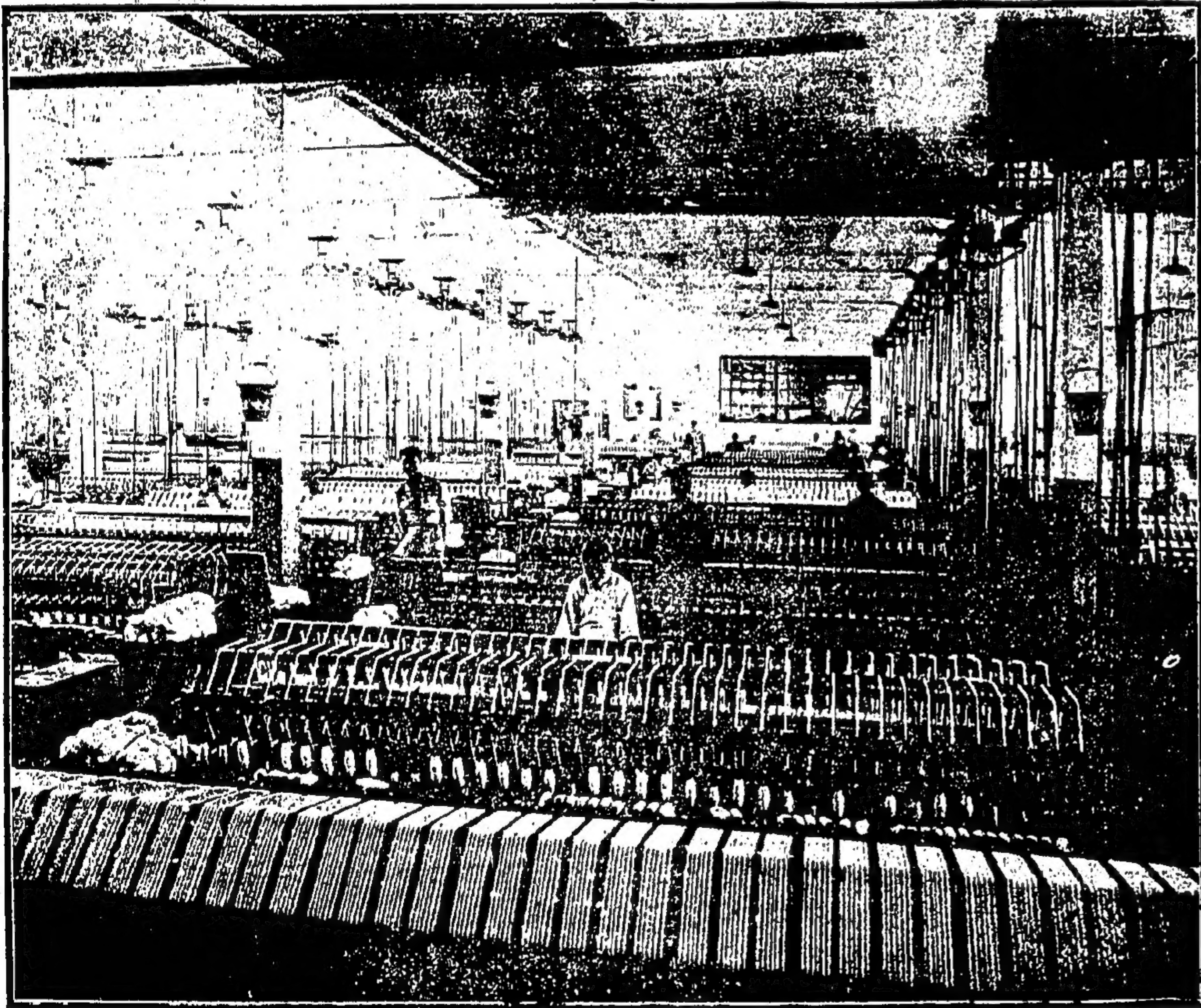
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Nothing seems to make any impression on the Bolshevik propagandist—

Philadelphia Inquirer, U.S.A.



The Allies (to America): "It is a pity that there's only enough for me!"

New York Evening Post, U.S.A.



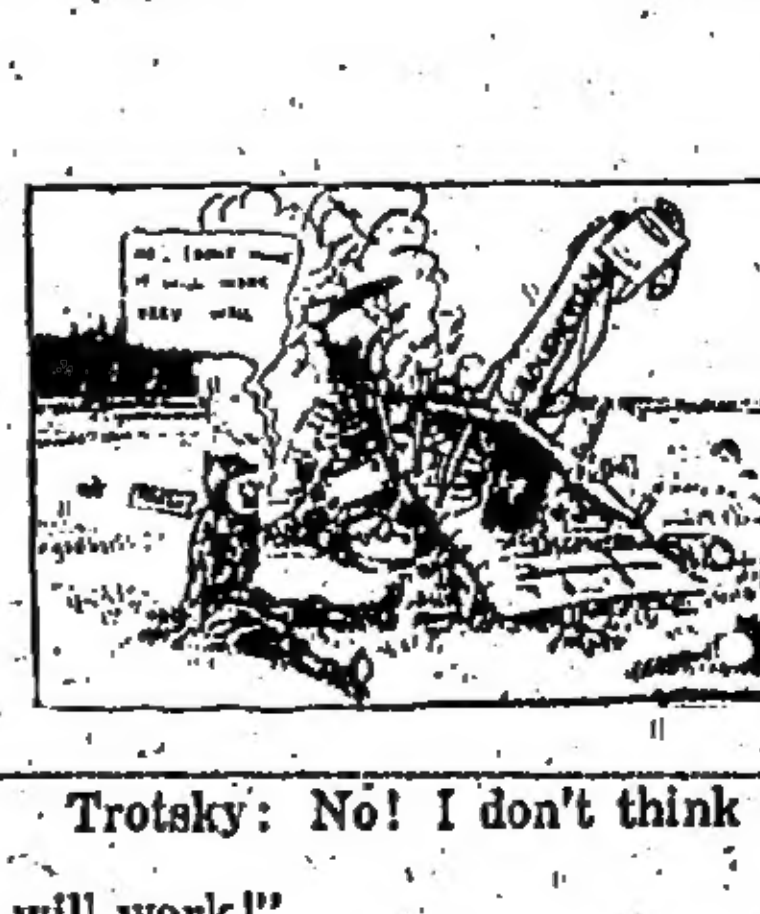
Husband: "I'm very sorry to be so late, dear—it is very annoying for me to be kept so late at the office!"

Passing Show, London.



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Trotsky: No! I don't think it will work!" (In his recent book, M. Trotsky practically admits the failure of Bolshevism).—

Western Mail, Cardiff.



The Second (to badly-beaten young fighter): "You shouldn't have let him have his own way. You should have stopped his blows!"

The Humourist, London.



John Bull (to Germania): "We can't leave until we have cleared out these cupboards—and unless you help us it may take a long time!"—London Opinion, London.

VAMPIRES are as Old as the World's History



In Early Times They Were Supposed To Be Demons of a Numerous Breed—The Horrible Superstition That Attributed Consumption To Their Activities—The Real Vampires, Are Bats.

(By Reno Sachs.)

Who was the first "vampire"? The question is easily answered. The name was Lillith, and she was Adam's first wife.

That was long before Eve appeared on the scene. She lived with Adam one hundred and thirty years; then she ran away from him and became a demon.

There is no mention of Lillith in the Bible, but the ancient rabbinical literature of the Hebrews tells about her. She is spoken of in the Talmud.

Satanism, however, if that name were given today, would tell you about Lillith. She was familiarly known to the ancient Babylonians and Assyrians. Her name means "night monster," and she was described as winged and hairy.

She was the chief of a large class of winged demons, dangerous to man. These are the demons which in the "Arabian Nights" are called ghouls. They figure in the "Wondrous Night" in the "Arabian Nights." The Talmud warns that no person should sleep alone in a house at night, lest he be attacked by one of them.

In ancient Babylonia and Assyria consumption was a disease as much dreaded as it is today. It was supposed to be caused by these demons, which visited the sufferers at night and sucked their blood. This also was the practice of the victim of the winged monster, the victim of which became steadily more bloodless and more feeble.

Vampirism In New England.

Belief in this idea has not yet wholly passed away. It finds acceptance today even in parts of enlightened New England. Within the last few years there has

been an outbreak of "vampirism" in Rhode Island, where, in half-a-dozen towns not far from Newport, scores of dead persons were dug up from their graves, and their hearts buried, in order to prevent them from preying as vampires upon surviving members of their own families.

These victims had died of consumption. According to local popular belief, vampires had sucked their blood until they succumbed. The only way to prevent them from becoming vampires, in their turn, and destroying in like manner their surviving relatives, was to burn their hearts.

To be the victim of a vampire is bad enough, but the most horrible feature of this ancient superstition is the belief that the sufferer, after being dead and buried, is himself compelled to rise nightly from the grave and assume the role of a blood-sucking monster, preying by preference upon the persons nearest and dearest to him in life. The Rhode Island district here referred to is in some ways very primitive. Its inhabitants are mostly descendants of people who settled there in early Colonial times, and many of their beliefs correspond to those of the day when witches were burned in New England.

A Craze Of European Origin.

Ancestors of these Rhode Island folk brought the superstition with them from Europe, where, at the period when they came to this country, belief in vampirism was widespread and even general. From 1727 to 1735, there was what might be

described as an epidemic of it, which reached its height in Hungary and Serbia, where military commissions were appointed to open the graves of suspected vampires. The method usually adopted in such cases was to drive a stake through the chest of the corpse and burn the heart, or to chop the body into small pieces.

Confirmation of the diabolical belief was given by it is alleged by the exhumation of a number of instances, of bodies which had a life-like appearance, and which, in some cases, showed traces of fresh blood on their lips—manifestly derived from a recent banquet on some living person. Presumably this evidence was mostly manufactured; but, if true, it might be described as a case of mass hysteria.

People died by thousands in that epidemic of consumption mostly, doubtless, just as they die in any other time, but many of them frightened to death, by belief was absolute that they died from having their blood sucked by night-creeping demons that came to their bedside with goggling eyes and lips eager for their lifeblood. No hope existed for a person once chosen as a vampire's victim. Slowly but surely he was destined to fade and decay, thereupon, after his demise, to become a vampire and seek prey among the living.

Superstition Connected With Bats.

In this way vampirism was indefinitely propagated. Nobody was safe. Any person who showed symptoms suggestive of consumption was looked upon with horror,

even by members of his or her own immediate family. The afflicted individual was supposed to be the recipient of nightly visits from a blood-sucking monster, winged and hairy, and would be likely, later on, to become a vampire himself, a fearful prospect of a frightful kind.

What superstition? What vampirism? No wonder this, while the epidemic lasted, an unaccountable terror filled all hearts.

The vampires, or ghouls, in Oriental folklore, the whole superstition, including the myth of Lillith, being of Assyrian-Babylonian origin—are more or less mixed up with blood-sucking bats. Indeed, the legends of Lillith's horrid horde are replete with the likeness of bats in their features that date back 3,000 years or more. There are, as a matter of fact, no blood-sucking bats in the Old World; and up to recent years naturalists were confident in denying that any species of them addicted to such a habit was to be found anywhere.

True, there were many stories told of the blood-thirstiness of a kind of bat native to tropical America; but these tales were pooh-poohed as fiction until the elder Darwin discovered by personal

observation that they were based on fact. When once collecting expedition in Chile, and camping near Coquimbo, one of his horses was restless at night, and a bat of the species known to the natives as the "vampire" was found sucking blood from the animal's flank.

Some years later, another naturalist, E. F. Tuckey, was travelling in the region of the Orinoco delta, where, as it seems, there are great numbers of these bats. He himself was never attacked, but an Indian boy who accompanied him was killed nearly to death by them.

Vampire Bats Are Nocturnal.

Yet another naturalist, named Waterhouse, anxious to investigate the problem, slept for months in a hammock in an open lot, which was entered every night by dozens of vampire bats. They never touched him, but an Indian belonging to his party suffered again and again from their attacks, and an English lad in the same house was bitten.

These bats creep into houses and seek the exposed feet of sleepers. Nearly always they attack the feet, which in a warm climate are likely to be uncovered

at night. Weighing only a few ounces, but with a wingspread of two feet, they have sharp, chisel-like teeth, with which they can cut a piece of flesh clean out. At the same time, the wound is inflicted so cleanly and quickly that the victim is not necessarily raised from deep slumber.

Like Lillith and her ghoul crew, and like the "vampires" of Oriental folklore, they always attack at night. That, indeed, is the only time at which bats of any species venture abroad from their hiding places. Darwin found that the vampire bat fed exclusively on blood, its intestine—much shorter than in any other species, because blood is easily digested—being specially modified for that diet. It can run as swiftly as a rat, whereas bats of other kinds are awkward on level ground.

It is a tropical species, ranging as far north as southern Mexico, and is numerous in Chile, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. In those countries it is a popular belief that the vampire bat, in assailing a sleeper, pricks his foot with its wings, producing thereby a coldness which helps to lull him

into more profound repose. Then, fastening upon a toe, it sucks until full, disgorging the blood thereupon, and repeating the performance until the human prey is "nearly dead from loss of vital fluid."

Happily, we have no vampire bats in the United States; but other species are plentiful enough. In New Orleans and elsewhere in the Southern States many houses are rendered uninhabitable by them. They get into lofts, between gables, under loose clapboards, and other places from which it is difficult to dislodge them. There is record of 9,040 bats killed in one house near Charlestown, Maryland.

One of the greatest bat colonies, perhaps the greatest in this country inhabits Wyandotte Cave, in Crawford County, Ind. It numbers millions. In the daytime—the stilling and scale of the season—are thickly clustered with the little animals, hanging by their hind feet, and the air is filled with their plaintive, whining, whispering voices. Very slowly, and the odor from their bodies is so unpleasant that one is glad to escape from the tainted atmosphere.

Flying Bat Armies.

At the beginning of twilight the winged officers of this great bat town start to leave the cave for their nightly hunting expedition in pursuit of moths and other right-flying insects. According to one description, a column thirty to sixty feet wide and two or three miles long is then seen to move in a straight line from the mouth of the cavern northward. A few minutes later, another column quite as large issues forth, directed to another point of the compass, and a little later, yet another. Just before daybreak they return, but in small flocks.

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A photoplay that has angles of appeal for every picture-goer is King Vidor's First Goldwyn production, "Three Wise Fools," adapted by the director from Austin Strong's successful stage play produced by John Golden and Winchell Smith. It will be the attraction at the World Theatre, for four days, beginning Wednesday. The picture is a blending of charming comedy, romance, reality and spectacle. It retains in full the quaint comedy of the play, but develops and strengthens the dramatic story and depicts in detail some episodes that were but hinted at, or which took place off the stage, in the original.

King Vidor was the one director to make this picture, as he has shown in his past work the ability to combine charm and quaint comedy in characters and incidents which are at the same time very realistic. The persons in the present picture, "Three Wise Fools," are very human, very homely, but yet possess that peculiar charm that is characteristic of whimsical characters and situations.

The story concerns three crusty old bachelors, to whom is confided, on the deathbed of the woman they had all vainly loved in their youth, the care of her daughter. One of the three wise fools, Judge Trumbull, fifteen years before, had sent the notorious criminal, Benny the Duck, to the penitentiary for burglary. Benny had vowed to get the judge when he got out and now word comes that he has broken jail with Cravshaw, a man who has been sentenced on the charge of forgery, and other convicts. Sydney, the girl who was confided to the care of the three men, is greatly interested when she hears that Cravshaw was one of the men to escape with Benny. A message is conveyed to her through the personal column of a newspaper to come to a Mott Street address, and there she finds Cravshaw, who is in reality

her father, and Benny the Duck. When Benny decides to make his attempt on the life of Judge Trumbull, he finds that Sydney lives at his home. As he is still determined to accomplish his purpose, Sydney blows the police whistle which summons the detectives guarding the house. Frightened by the danger to her father, she helps Benny to escape, and in trying to explain his escape gives herself away. She is trailed to the Mott Street address and is taken to jail, but Gordon, the nephew of Findley, who is head over heels in love with Sydney, arrives in time to effect her release. Benny, seeing that the game is up, confesses that he forged Cravshaw's name to a check. With her father thus proved innocent, Sydney accepts Gordon's love and the picture ends on a note of general happiness.

A big spectacular scene in the picture is the jail-break on the part of Benny the Duck and other convicts who use an armoured motor car. This armoured car later dashes over an embankment and is wrecked, adding thrill upon thrill to the picture. The production is one of the most entertaining and artistic of the season's photoplays. It is a picture which can be counted upon to prove satisfactory to every person who sees it because of the variety of its moods and action.

Goldwyn gave Director Vidor one of the super-casts for which it is famous. Eleanor Boardman, fresh from her triumph in "Souls for Sale," is featured in the feminine lead. Claude Gillingwater acts the role of Findley, which he played with such conspicuous success on the stage. William H. Crane is cast as Judge Trumbull and Alec Francis as Dr. Gaunt. John Sainpolis acts the rôle of Sydney's father, William Haines that of her lover, while Brinsley Shaw lends a sinister quality to Benny the Duck. Martha Mattox, Fred Emmett, Fred J. Butler, ZaSu Pitts, Lucien Littlefield and Charles Hickman have minor rôles. The flash-back sequence showing the three wise fools as youths, has Craig Biddle, Jr., in Gillingwater's part; Creighton Hale in that of William H.

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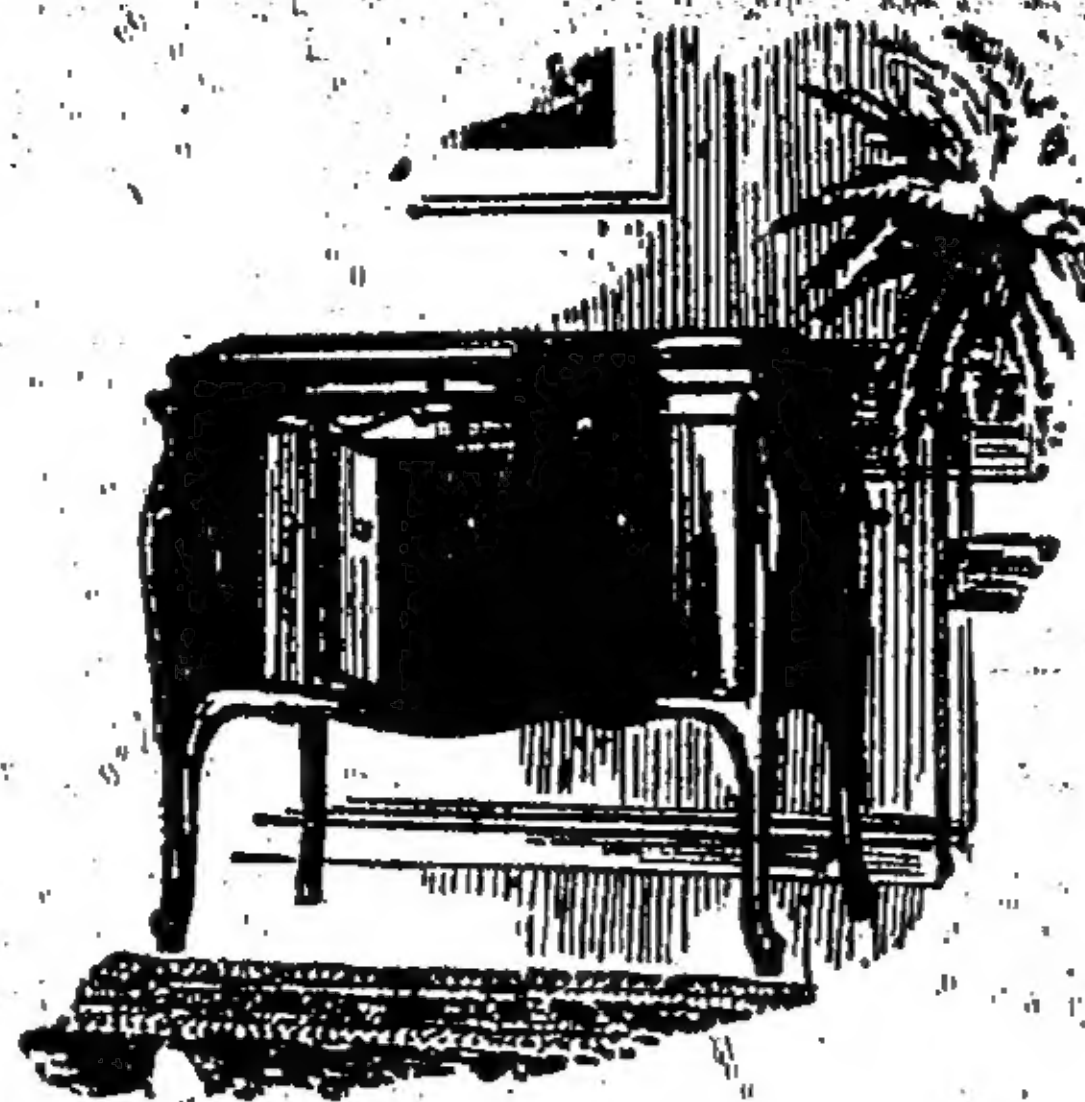
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MARRIAGE.

HOWARD—WHITE.—On February 14, 1925, at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Howard, of London, and Beatrice, daughter of the late Mr. R. Vert White and Mrs. White, of Canton.

MAKE DOUBLY SURE.

With the races nearly over, the Colony returns once more to its normal ways. Dreams of sudden wealth realized for the few, disappointed for the many, we settle down again to every-day routine and our thoughts turn once more to current problems. Chief among

these is the question whether the Hongkong Rents Ordinance shall be renewed or whether it shall be allowed to lapse.

While the tenants are solid for the measure being extended, the landlords are equally solid against any such course being adopted. The Government, so far as one can gather, is neutral. Instead of settling the matter for itself as it did on the two previous occasions when the question arose should the Rents Ordinance be renewed or should it be allowed to lapse, the Government has decided this year to leave the issue to an open discussion in the Legislative Council.

Realizing that the verdict has thus been left largely to public opinion, the tenants have not been slow to express their views through the columns of the local Press, and one section of them has prepared a petition for presentation to the Governor, as a direct appeal for further protection from excessive rents. Whether this petition will decide His Excellency to vote for the Ordinance being extended we cannot of course attempt to guess, but we can say that it is bound to impress him with a fact that has all along been emphasized by the "China Mail," that whatever the other merits of the issue, the demise of the Ordinance would unquestionably mean severe hardship for a very large number of tenants.

Although the issue is being left to an open discussion in the Legislative Council it would be idle to pretend that the Governor's views will not be the chief, possibly the sole, factor in deciding the fate of the Ordinance, since the official majority are almost sure to follow his lead, for even with freedom to vote as they choose, they too will see the problem through Government spectacles.

Therefore, if we were giving any advice to the tenants, we should be inclined to say, present your petition, yes, but organize a deputation also! This deputation

could seek an audience, if not with His Excellency himself, at least with the sub-committee it is reported the Legislative Council will appoint. One of the unofficial members, we are sure, would introduce the deputation, and a capable spokesman could do the rest.

"The Hongkong Bank."

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, that great financial institution of the Far East, took place this morning, and the report of the proceedings, which will appear in our subscribers' edition, being too long to catch the present issue, again makes extremely interesting reading, not merely for residents of Hongkong, but for every one the least interested in China. Backward as Hongkong may be in some respects, it more than holds its own in the world of finance, thanks chiefly to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation which carries the Colony's name into every city of any importance in the Orient, giving it pride of place in such great centres as Shanghai and Singapore, and making it a symbol everywhere for business integrity. The "Hongkong Bank," as it is familiarly, even affectionately, known all over the Far East and in the great financial centres of London and New York, is an institution of which the Colony can rightly be proud, for it owes its present greatness, and the progressively bigger prosperity we are confident it will enjoy in the years to come, to just those qualities which have transformed Hongkong from a barren, unhealthy, and almost deserted island into one of the biggest ports in the world, all within eighty-five years—qualities which are best summed up as courage, foresight, and unceasing effort. The "China Mail," which has itself eighty years' association with the Colony, salutes the Hongkong Bank again, and wishes it once more every success and prosperity.

Friendships First.

Sir Harry Lauder is what his Forfarshire friends might call "a bit of a philosopher in his ain way." At the dinner given in his honour on Thursday night he gave expression to several clever sayings, worthy of a man who has seen the world, known poverty, and been hit by the Great War. What could be better, for instance, than his advice to quit your job if you do not like it and look for another suited to you, for then "your job will love you"? It is a hackneyed expression that no one is here for the benefit of his health. No less commonplace is the feeling of dissatisfaction with one's sphere in the working-day. It is that that makes for inefficiency, lack of enthusiasm, and depressed business either for the individual or the firm. To paraphrase Sir Harry Lauder, find a job that you will like and your job will like you. Best of all his sayings, however, was that he would rather build friendships than battleships. That phrase is worthy of being emblazoned on the portals of the Chancelleries of Europe. It deserves to be for ever remembered by all who have to do with the making of wars in all countries. Friendships, real, lasting friendships, are precious gems. Battleships are a sinister reminder of broken faith, of shattered treaties, of an enemy continually lurking within or without the gate. Friendships cement; battleships disrupt. Friendships heal; battleships sear. Friendships increase happiness; battleships bring sorrow. If the vote is to be cast between friendships and battleships, the verdict must be most pronounced in favour of friendships. The battleships can then take care of themselves.

MODERN CHINA.

NOTABLE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

Unfavourable accounts of the progress the "Wing On" Textile Manufacturing Co., Ltd. of Shanghai, is making, were contradicted in a statement made by one of the directors, Mr. Philip Gockchin, to a "China Mail" reporter.

As many will know, the Wing On Textile Co. was founded by the principals of the Wing On Co., and others interested in the cotton and textile trades. Among the Hongkong business gentlemen actively connected with the Textile Co. are Mr. Kwok Lock who is Chairman of Directors and Superintendent, Mr. D. Jackman, Mr. Au-Yang Man-hing, Mr. Li Yia-cheung, Mr. Kwok Shun and Mr. Gockchin.

HONGKONG HORRORS.

SOME FEARSOME LOCAL MONSTERS.

UNICORN'S GHASTLY MEALS.

Frog Deity Who Angered a Goddess.

Although famed abroad chiefly for its shipping and its commerce, Hongkong is also a place of supernatural wonders. How many local residents know, for instance, that the Colony possesses—chained to the City Hall itself!—a terrible monster which would spend its freedom of nights devouring policemen and their dogs, were it not given the chance—which has, indeed, already made one such ghastly meal? Likewise how many people here know that crawling painfully up the Peak is a deified Frog Rock which once had its face smacked by a Goddess and is now doing terrible penance for its sins? Yet it is so. Verily!

TERRIBLE AFFAIR.

Europeans will laugh when told that the unicorn on the Road coat-of-arms outside the top of the City Hall (facing the Supreme Court) can take actual animal shape and rove about at night. But it does. Oh, yes. Years ago before the era of electric and gas-lights in this island of Fragrant Streams, a European sergeant was patrolling the vicinity with his dog, when the ferocious monster came down and ate the dog and then the master, after the latter had tried to beat it back with his stick. At least this much is vouched for by a story among the Chinese. That the story is given more credence than a mere legend is evident from the fact it is not only related to naughty children by their amahs, but that even to-day there are many Chinese, common-sense and business sagacity despite, who placed implicit faith in it.

night to fly back when the cock crows. Once secured with the chain, however, it cannot move and the guardian lion is now looked upon as the benevolent deity with the solitary duty of preventing further ravages.

While on the subject of superstitions associated with Hongkong, it is interesting to recall another fable which was given considerable credence when the plague first became evident in the 'nineties and is still talked about to-day.

OUR FROG DEITY.

Somewhere near the top of the Peak there is a rock which is claimed to personify the frog deity, whose evil ambition it is to get to the top when the island is devastated. Actually there are only a few who can say definitely where this big rock is, but it is supposed to resemble a giant frog. Some think that the Hog's Back bears the resemblance while

ANOTHER HONGKONG MYSTERY.



Behind the Hau Wong Temple on the hill immediately at the back of and overlooking Kowloon City is a rock on which is carved the Chinese character for "goose"—a typical piece of giant penmanship. At the beginning of every Chinese year, pilgrimages are made daily by large numbers of women to the temple and, incidentally, to the rock.

Should arguments—backed up by explanation of what the coat-of-arms denotes—be attempted, supporters of the fable will only pour out a torrent of sarcasm concerning new-fangled ideas: "Why," they will say, "just go and look at the 'horse' and you will see a real iron chain round its neck secured to the wall. The lion opposite to it was borrowed from the set at the base of the fountain outside the other side of the City Hall (since replaced by another one) and with the aid of protective gods, was given the spiritual power with which to exercise a restraining influence over the recalcitrant horse."

IMAGES THAT TAKE HUMAN SHAPE.

People who have been in the interior of China for long will know the purport of the two awe-inspiring images outside the doors of big houses. These are the doorkeeper deities and it is commonly believed that, especially in the case of those which face East, the early morning's sun-rays have, in course of time, converted the images into actual gods which take human form at night. Armed with a deadly weapon, they are claimed to have harmed those who would dare approach with evil motives in the dead of night.

Apparently the same idea exists with regard to the City Hall unicorn. It is given its malevolent powers because it is shone on by both the sun and the moon. At any rate it is supposed to have become a semi-deity in that it can only climb down at

others point to the mass which can be approached from that part of Conduit Road near the Victoria Battery filter beds. Another cluster of almost upright boulders which are situated above Marble Hall, are also thought to be the "Frog Rock."

Irrespective of the position, the story goes that it moved rapidly upwards for some years till it got perilously near the top, when the "Heavenly Virgin," or "Kwoon Yum," smacked it's head, with the result that it fell back a good distance. For its audacity in daring to climb up to her presence—this kindly-disposed goddess is presumed to watch over the island's destinies from a favourable position at the Peak—she cast a charm over the Frog so that his ascending abilities were reduced to not more than the length of a grain of rice a year. So Hongkongites can feel relieved. Measured on that basis it will be a matter of centuries before Froggy can get anywhere near the danger zone again.

Efforts have been made to trace the origin of this yarn but those who have faith in it can only say that they were told by somebody else. Others with a reasonable turn of mind can only attribute it to the dislike of the foreigner during the early days of the Colony's occupation when some patriot devised the story to scare Chinese from settling here permanently. It is said that when the plague was at its worst about thirty years ago there were many who wondered if the Frog Rock had not climbed to just near the top.

and Shanghai last year. Most of the company's products are already well-known in Hongkong.

Recently, the Wing On Textile Co. purchased the factory of the Tai Chung Hua Co., now known as the No. 2 factory of the company. This factory was taken over at about a half of the cost, a very favourable transaction to the company.

A Mr. Nip, whose father was once the Viceroy of the Two Kiangs, was formerly the moving spirit of the Tai Chung Hua Co. and another cotton enterprise at Tsingtao.

Three thousand operatives are employed in the Wing On Textile Co., which, by the way, is an all-Chinese concern. By means of the most up-to-date machinery, the company turns out about two thousand pieces of drill per day. A large number of the technical staff comprise Chinese returned students.

Starting with three million dollars, the company has now a capital of six million dollars. [See our local picture page in this issue.]

RACING CARNIVAL.

"OFF-DAY" AT HAPPY VALLEY TO-DAY.

SOME KEEN SPORT.

All Details of Events and Cash Sweeps.

"Off-Day" at the Races were to many-tuifed their opportunity of recouping themselves to the extent of losses suffered earlier in week.

In spite of the usual Saturday inter-attractions, a fair-sized crowd with a proportionate tinkling of ladies wended its way to the Race Course. With the exception of the two handicaps and the eighth race, the bets on the card were for the most part of the meeting proper. In out running is a feature commonly associated with off-days and prizes were forthcoming for a lucky punter who could scent a deal weather contributed to a good day's racing with the going the hard side.

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" 420 3rd \$ 215.60
Unplaced ponies, \$50.00 each, tickets Nos. 584, 526, 574, 537, 504, 320, 31, 392, 2.

THE "LOITERERS" STAKES.—Winner \$400. Second \$150. Third \$75. For Griffins of this Meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. W. I. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. (Jockey allowance). Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

John Peel's Grey Cloud. 157lbs (Mr. Maitland) 1
Dryadust's Gypsy Love, 152lbs (Mr. MacBain) 1
Roda's Persian Parrot, 150lbs (Mr. Haimovitch) 3
A. A. Alves's The Wasp, 153lbs (Mr. Encarnacao) 0
A. H. Carroll's Peach Leaf, 150lbs (Capt. Hall) 0
A. H. Carroll's Carnation, 152lbs (Mr. Harrison) 0
Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's, 150lbs (Lt. Com. Thompson) 0
Dynasty's King Emperor, 150lbs (Mr. Heard) 0
Perdund's Curiosity Shop, 155lbs (Mr. Zellenky) 0
F. H. Kew's Wimmer, 155lbs (Mr. Gibson) 0
C. G. Mackie's Auchen, 155lbs (Mr. Pollock) 0
Relyon's Uncle Edward, 152lbs (Mr. Potts) 0
Time: 1.32 3/5.
Dead heat; two lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winners, Grey Cloud \$ 8.80
Gypsy Love \$ 10.20
Places:—1st Grey Cloud \$ 6.40
2nd Gypsy Love \$ 7.70
3rd \$ 7.70
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 468 1st \$ 1,224.90
" 260 1st \$ 1,224.90
" 489 3rd \$ 272.20
Unplaced ponies, \$50.00 each, tickets Nos. 425, 155, 473, 587, 304, 243, 653, 305.

THE "ALL OUT" STAKES.—Winner \$400. Second \$150. Third \$75. For all China ponies that have started at least twice at this Meeting and have not won. W. I. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. (Jockey allowance). Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 777 1st \$ 4,830.00
" 841 2nd \$ 1,380.00
" 818 3rd \$ 600.00
Unplaced ponies, \$50 each, tickets Nos. 803, 606, 500, 1,366, 1,106, 318.

7.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—"B" CLASS. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For all China Ponies that have started at least twice at this Meeting. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Primrose. 148lbs (Mr. Zellenky) 1
Mr. A. A. Alves's Golden Chrysanthemum, 152lbs (Mr. Encarnacao) 2
Mr. Roda's Persian Parrot, 153lbs (Mr. Haimovitch) 3
Mr. A. H. Carroll's Carnation, 152lbs (Mr. Harrison) 0
Messrs. Dyer and Both's Grey Dragon, 150lbs (Lt. Com. Thompson) 0
Mr. Harry Odell's Baby Eyes, 148lbs (Mr. Gibson) 0
Mr. J. H. Taggart's Farmland, 155lbs (Mr. Encarnacao) 0
Time: 1.33 4/5.
A length; three lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$ 8.20
Places:—1st \$ 5.10
2nd \$ 5.10
3rd \$ 5.10
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 577 1st \$ 2,560.60
" 603 2nd \$ 731.60
" 124 3rd \$ 365.80
Unplaced ponies, \$50 each, tickets Nos. 600, 415, 9.

4.—THE TYTAM HANDICAP.—"A" CLASS. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting that have started at least twice. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr. Nemaze's Parran II. 146lbs (Mr. Buck) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King Poley, 154lbs (Mr. Heard) 2
Mrs. H. Birkett's Tadworth, 156lbs (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. Fate's Two Fairs, 150lbs (Mr. Potts) 0
Mr. C. G. Mackie's Scarerow, 143lbs (Mr. Davies) 0
Mr. John Peel's Spaghetti, 152lbs (Mr. Maitland) 0
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Jimmy Lad, 149lbs (Mr. Harrison) 0
Time: 2.11 2/5.
Half a length; three-quarters of a length.
Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$ 310.50
Places:—1st \$ 18.20
2nd \$ 5.80
3rd \$ 6.60
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 124 1st \$ 2,940.00
" 809 2nd \$ 840.00
" 350 3rd \$ 420.00
Unplaced ponies, \$50 each, tickets Nos. 64, 1,605, 954, 221.

5.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—"A" CLASS. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For all China Ponies that have started at least twice at this Meeting. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Sir Paul's Mystic Dahlia. 153lbs (Mr. Moller) 1
Messrs. Toog and Priestley's McKenzie, 155lbs (Lt. Com. Thompson) 1
Dr. F. H. Kew's Wimmer, 147lbs (Mr. Gibson) 3
Mr. Dryadust's Saracen, 148lbs (Mr. MacBain) 0
Mr. Dynasty's Spotted Sind, 150lbs (Mr. Davies) 0
Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains, 158lbs (Mr. Heard) 0
Sir Paul's Dictator Dahlia, 146lbs (Capt. Hall) 0
Mr. Roda's Arabian Parrot, 145lbs (Mr. Haimovitch) 0
Time: 2.38 3/5.
Dead heat; a length and a half.
Parimutuel:—
Winners, McKenzie \$10.90
Mystic Dahlia \$ 7.00
Places:—1st McKenzie \$ 8.00
2nd Mystic Dahlia \$ 7.60
3rd \$ 20.40
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 669 1st \$ 3,422.70
" 1,936 2nd \$ 3,422.70
" 1,952 3rd \$ 760.60
Unplaced ponies, \$50 each, tickets Nos. 603, 865, 579, 1,953, 58.

6.—THE TYTAM HANDICAP.—"B" CLASS. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting that have started at least twice. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Messrs. Tester & Abraham's. 155lbs (Mr. Encarnacao) 1
Mr. Wayfoong's Quab, 151lbs (Mr. MacBain) 2
Mr. A. H. Carroll's Peach Leaf, 153lbs (Mr. Harrison) 3
Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Gilbert, 155lbs (Mr. Haimovitch) 0
Mr. P. W. Dee's Urgent, 158lbs (Mr. Maitland) 0
Messrs. Hosie and Cock's, 150lbs (Mr. Potts) 3
Lumbie, 151lbs (Mr. Davies) 0
Mr. H. Odell's Duke of Orleans, 151lbs (Mr. Gibson) 0
Messrs. Oxspring & Atherley's, 150lbs (Mr. Zellenky) 0
Lady Severn's Chiku, 146lb (Mr. Pollock) 0
Time: 2.14 3/5.
Two lengths; two lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$ 45.20
Places:—1st \$ 14.80
2nd \$ 6.70
3rd \$ 10.40

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT.

DIVIDEND FOR 1924.

The report for presentation to the shareholders of the above Company, at the 36th ordinary general meeting held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Hongkong, on Tuesday, March 3, at 11 o'clock a.m., states:—
The Board of Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a statement of accounts, and balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 1924.

The gross profit for the year is \$758,271.84
The amount brought forward from the previous year is 93,347.89
\$851,619.73
After allowing for the interim dividend paid in September last, \$11,930.97
Directors' and auditors' fees, etc., 10,950.00
for depreciation on the Company's building, plant, and fixtures, etc., 54,173.24
277,063.21

The balance to be paid to the shareholders is \$574,556.52 which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—
To pay a final dividend of \$1.25 per share on the old shares, \$500,000.00
To pay a final dividend of 15 cents per share on the new shares, 60,000.00
And carry forward to the credit of next year's account, 14,556.52
\$574,556.52

Directors.
During the year, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. Allan Cameron joined the Board, and these appointments require confirmation.
Under Article XII (14) of the Articles of Association, Messrs. C. A. da Rosa and Li Tse-fong retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, who are eligible for re-appointment.

GERMAN POLITICS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, February 20.
After the defeat of the Russian Cabinet the Centre Party met and passed a resolution expelling two members who purposely absented themselves from the sitting of the Diet.
The meeting decided to re-submit Herr Marx as candidate for the premiership at the elections on March 3. Herr Marx has consented to stand.

TREATY RATIFIED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, February 20.
The Præsidium of the Central Executive of Soviets has ratified the Russo-Japanese treaty.

Dr. Mellon's N. W. Stewart. 150lbs (Mr. Buck) 0
Messrs. Oxspring & Atherley's, 150lbs (Mr. Zellenky) 0
Jester, 150lbs (Mr. Harrison) 0
Time: 1.16 4/5.
Half a length; half a length.
Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$ 30.20
Places:—1st \$ 12.70
2nd \$ 16.20
3rd \$ 34.30
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 627 1st \$ 4,725.00
" 1,768 2nd \$ 1,350.00
" 483 3rd \$ 675.00
Unplaced ponies, \$50 each, tickets Nos. 549, 1,343, 1,142, 1,749, 1,074, 531, 828, 1,573, 545.

11.—THE "FINALE" STAKES.—Winner \$400. Second \$150. Third \$75. For all China Ponies that have started at least twice at this Meeting and have not been placed. W. I. (Jockey allowance). Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

Sir Paul's Phenomenal Dahlia. 163lbs (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Harry Odell's Rayfield, 152lbs (Mr. Gibson) 2
Capt. R. Newell's Hallahan, 155lbs (Mr. Davies) 3
Mr. Seth's Bullymoney, 147lbs (Mr. Buck) 0
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Fatsal, 148lbs (Mr. Stanton) 0
Mr. Taeli's Kim, 155lbs (Mr. Pollock) 0
Time: 1.17 1/5.
Many lengths; half a length.
Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$ 12.80
Places:—1st \$ 5.80
2nd \$ 6.00
3rd \$ 6.90
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 1,220 1st \$ 4,935.00
" 1,444 2nd \$ 1,410.00
" 481 3rd \$ 705.00
Unplaced ponies, \$50 each, tickets Nos. 218, 1,121, 421.

HONGKONG BANK MEETING.

(Continued.)

Your references to the general political situation in China, are, we fear, only too true. It is to be hoped that the phase through which the country is now passing is just a stage in its economic evolution and that it will not now far distant when the basic principles of meum and tuum will again be fully and completely recognised, and that the great mass of the people who represent the ruled will bring home to those who rule that if they wish to continue in their present exalted positions they must conform to those principles of justice, without which no State can be admitted to the comity of nations or recognised as a power in civilisation.

History presents many similar instances now represented by firm and stable Governments. The present position of the railways and other communications of China does not and cannot inspire us with optimism. Since 1914 the constructive policy has been negative. The great natural resources of the interior of China are lying dormant because of the failure to link up and complete the great transport arteries, whilst development of such natural resources would soon place the financial position of the country on an unimpeachable basis. The railways such as they are have on so many occasions been used rather to further a policy of destruction and disruption than to further the interests of commerce and peace.

We must not, however, be blind to the fact that here and there in various districts of China roads are being constructed, often in quite out of the way places, which undoubtedly will in time be great educating factors as to the economic possibilities of motor traffic and trade.

Back To Gold.

We note with interest that the present debatable subject of bringing the value of the English Pound Sterling up to its pre-war parity has not been lost sight of by you. We join with you in admiration of the heroic manner in which our friends the Japanese have faced the recent disaster and our best wishes go out to them for a speedy recovery of their former position.

In conclusion it is our desire to place on record our very great appreciation of the appointment of Mr. A. H. Barlow to the position of Chief Manager. We are by no means insensible to the difficulties that beset that position nor are we ignorant of the mass of work and thought that the holding of such a post entails. Nevertheless we view the future with extreme confidence, coupled with optimism, knowing full well that the position will be fully filled and the duties performed to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. The Bank and the shareholders are extremely fortunate in having a Chief Manager with such wide experience and sterling qualities. We wish him all success.

I have great pleasure in seconding the report and statement of accounts.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, February 20.
Kah Yu-kun not having yet complied with the recent order for the withdrawal of his troops from Honan, the Government have sent an urgent telegram ordering him to concentrate all his forces at Hsinyang.

In response to a request from the Reorganisation Conference, Tuan Chih-jui has requested the military and naval commissions to draft military and naval systems for submission to the Conference within three days.

RESIDENCE FOR LAMA.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, February 20.
The Government have renovated Pailankeh Island, where Kuingsu was imprisoned, for a residence for the Pan Chen Lama.

FIFTY LIVES LOST.

TERRIBLE MINING DISASTER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Sullivan, Indiana, February 20.
Over 120 miners have been entombed as a result of a violent explosion attributed to gas ignition in the City Coal Company's mine. Eight dead have been brought to the surface up to the present. It is believed fifty have perished. Rescue wearing gas masks are bringing up the bodies. Thousands of men and women have gathered at the pitheads.

GERMAN SCANDALS.

PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION UPHELD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, February 21.
It is announced that the committee appointed by the Reichstag to inquire into the Barmat affair has decided to suspend examination of witnesses regarding relations between Herr Ebert and Herr Barmat.

A representative of the Centre Party, expressed the opinion that there was nothing to show the President had been in anywise indiscreet.

Last week the German Social-Pariamentary Party requested the Socialist Herr Bauer, former Deputy Chancellor, not to exercise his Reichstag mandate, pending enquiry as to whether he had received large sums from the Barmat concern in Holland. The enquiry, which the Committee of the Prussian Diet is conducting into the Barmat affair, appears to involve many well-known politicians and is developing into a financial scandal of the first magnitude.

FRENCH BANK ECHO.

PHILIPPE BERTHELOT'S HONOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 20.
In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Ybarnegaray, of the Republic and Democratic Union, asked leave to interpellate the Government on the subject of the amnesty accorded to M. Philippe Berthelot.

According to M. Ybarnegaray, the restoration of M. Berthelot to position must be considered as act of policy, since the directors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, especially M. Berthelot, were condemned merely to nominal penalties.

M. Moutet asked whether M. Ybarnegaray was entitled to say anything against the Banque Industrielle inasmuch as he had been a director of the Company for Commerce and Navigation which had been mixed up therein.

SHANGHAI MARKET.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, February 21.
The "North-China Daily News," in its weekly market report, says that the great feature in the local markets during the past week has been the broadening of the basis on which business stands. At the commencement of the week the Chinese dealers were nervous regarding the political situation, but as the week advanced this seemed to give place to a considerable degree of confidence, and an advance in the price goods and unan was noticeable.

CHINESE RAILWAYS.

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, February 20.
The deplorable conditions on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway continue. No night trains are running, and there are no first or second class carriages available, the contents of many of the coaches having been damaged or stolen by the soldiers, who are still living and sleeping in the best carriages at various sidings. The passengers are thus travelling in the third-class carriages or in the vans and trucks.

The trains are subject to much delay and the competitions are bad. It will be some weeks at the best before conditions can be restored to normal.

DR SUN YAT-SEN.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, February 20.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen slept fairly well. The weakness in circulation is slightly improved, the pulse is 104 and temperature normal.

ENGINEERS' BALL.

PLEASANT GATHERING IN CITY HALL.

GOVERNOR PRESENT.

The annual Ball of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong was held in the City Hall last evening.

In front of the Hall was the insignia of the organisation, above which the motto "Unique" blazed in electric light high above the entrances, which were made to represent the frontage of a castellated mansion with separate ingress for ladies and gentlemen. On the first landing was an illuminated sign representing the Phoenix, the badge of engineers the world over; on the front of the gallery was yet another emblazoned crest recording the establishment of the Institute in Hongkong in 1901.

In the dance, halls were bunched pennons surmounting shields, which bore the names of outstanding celebrities of the engineering world including Watts, Stephenson, Napier and Rinkin. The pictures of H.M. Queen Victoria and H.M. King George V. were draped with the Union Jack and the banner of the Institute.

The Theatre Royal was reserved for supper, on the stage of which the guests of honour found seating space at a horseshoe table. His Excellency the Governor and party arrived promptly at 9.30 but left before midnight.

The guests of honour seated with the President of the Institute at supper were: H. E. the Governor, Mrs. J. Reid, Mr. J. Russell, (President of the Institute), Lady Luard, H. E. Vice Admiral S. A. Everett, Lady Severn, H. E. Major General Luard, Mrs. Stirling, Hon. Sir Claude Severn, Mrs. Dyer, His Honour Sir H. Gollan, Mrs. Crea, y Commodore Stirling, Mrs. Hunter, Hon. Mr. H. T. Crensy, Mrs. Baker, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mrs. Greig, Lt. Commr. Conway Hake, Mrs. Harman, Mr. G. M. Young, Mrs. Belth, Mr. B. D. F. Belth, and Mrs. Adamson.

Dancing was continued until 2 a.m., to music provided by the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra.

The Sub-Committees who carried out the arrangements for the dance were as under:—
Invitations.—Messrs. J. Reid (convenor), R. M. Dyer, K. E. Greig, P. T. Farrell, W. Russell, R. Hunter, S. Baker and E. Cock. Decorations.—Messrs. E. Cock (convenor), V. Kerley, J. H. Donithorne, J. M. Ramsay, and T. S. Morrison.

Wine and supper.—Messrs. G. J. Harman (convenor), J. E. Henson, W. J. Hill, P. T. Farrell, G. W. Paton, D. McMurray, G. M. Shaw, R. V. Cameron, R. Johnston, A. J. Stock, and L. J. Blackburn.

Dance.—Messrs. T. S. Morrison (convenor), J. H. Donithorne, S. Hope, J. Farnie, J. B. Hamilton, A. Webster, R. Williamson, J. H. Keane, and J. McClelland.

Card-room.—Messrs. J. Omlston (convenor), A. Simpson, P. W. Ramsay, and T. H. Brayfield.

Cloak Room.—Messrs. B. L. Frost (convenor), J. E. Henson, R. Johnston, T. S. Morrison, and H. McArthur.

The Hon Secretary was Mr. W. Brown.

THE CHINA MAIL EXTRA

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1925.

FINANCE IN THE EAST.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS REVIEWED.

HONGKONG BANK MEETING.

TRAGIC TALE OF INTERNAL STRIFE IN CHINA.

"Depredations" By Military Leaders.

REMARKABLE SUCCESS OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

World trade conditions, the gold and silver markets, the prospects of peace in China, "depredations" by military leaders with particular reference to the salt tax, and the "courage with which Japan is facing her particular difficulties" were the principal questions discussed in the Chairman's speech at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation held in the City Hall at 11.30 o'clock to-day.

The loss sustained by the deaths of Mr. A. G. Stephen, late Chief Manager, and Mr. E. G. Hillier, late Agent in Peking, were referred to with the deepest regret.

The chaos in neighbouring provinces again received trenchant criticism, the remarkable success achieved by the administration of the Customs being held up as an example of how a greater measure of expert foreign advice and assistance might be employed with advantage.

To Labour Unions acting under Bolshevik influence were attributed much of the disruption of South China, and the advisability of China disregarding the advice of "foolish agitators" so frequently raised by misguided extremists was referred to.

"Undeniably gloomy" was how the internal affairs of the country were referred to, the record from July onward being described as one of "flood, famine and civil war." Whilst it could hardly be said that the outlook was brighter there were, however, signs of increasing confidence among the Chinese community, which the Chairman hoped presaged better times ahead.

Members of the Court of Directors supporting Mr. W. L. Patterson, the Chairman, were Mr. J. P. White, deputy Chairman, Messrs. J. A. Plummer, G. M. Young, A. H. Compton, W. H. Bell, T. G. Ward, Hon. Mr. A. G. Lang, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. B. D. F. Beth, and A. H. Barlow (Chief Manager).

Shareholders present were: Messrs. F. H. Pennington, G. B. Dunnett, W. E. L. Shenton, C. A. Hooper, Chau Siu-ki, E. A. Ram, J. Arnold, G. E. Townes, Wm. Anderson, Paul Lauder, Mok Kung-yuen, the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Messrs. Chan Shu-ming, G. S. Archibutt, Chan Tsun-ming, Davidson, C. E. Bonvis, O. J. Ellis, Lo Chung-wan, Li Po-kwai, F. M. Crawford, B. A. Hale, W. E. van Eps, J. M. Alves, Lee Coon, D. F. G. Nicholson, A. V. Apear, P. M. N. da Silva, R. A. Dastur, Koon E-suen, S. W. Churn, G. R. Layton, W. Adams Orum, A. Murdoch, K. S. Morrison, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, and Mrs. Bird, Messrs. F. W. Ellis, E. E. Ellis, P. S. Cassidy, A. E. Edgar, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Messrs. Fung Kung-yuen, W. Van der Steen, P. V. Botelho, D. J. Lewis, D. O. Stevenson, Max. A. Remedios, Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Messrs. Fong Lang, John Fleming, C. H. Blason, T. H. R. Shaw, Mok Man-chee, C. A. da Rosa.

The Bank's Loss.
The Chairman said: Gentlemen, before proceeding with the business of this Meeting, I would refer with the deepest regret to the losses we have sustained since we last met, through the deaths of Mr. A. G. Stephen, our late Chief Manager, and Mr. E. G. Hillier, our late Agent at Peking, both men of transcendent ability and the highest integrity; their death leaves a void in the ranks of the foreign community in the Far East, which will not readily be filled.

After 35½ years' work in the Bank's Eastern service, which included most able management of our Shanghai office from 1911 to 1920, Mr. Stephen was appointed Chief Manager at the end of 1920. During his 3½ years' tenure of that very responsible and onerous post, the Bank's prestige was still further enhanced, while the results achieved during his all-too-short term of office witness his successful administration through a period beset with extraordinary difficulties.

Mr. Stephen proceeded home in May last for a few months' holiday, and died in London on the 27th August after a very short illness. Mr. A. H. Barlow, who is well-known to you all and in whom your directors have the utmost confidence, has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Stephen as Chief Manager of the Bank.

Unlike Mr. Stephen, whose service extended over a large number of our Eastern Offices, practically all Mr. Hillier's 42 years in the Bank were passed in

premises have been completed, and our new office buildings at Calcutta, Singapore and Hongkong should be finished early this year. With the exception of the new office we are building at Tientsin and houses for our Agents at Tientsin and Amoy, our building programme is nearly completed. In Tokyo where, since the Yokohama disaster, we have been represented by one of our staff, we recently opened our own office in suitable rented premises.

Silver Fluctuations.

1924 was a year of rather more pronounced fluctuations in the price of silver than its predecessor, the highest point touched being 36.1/16d. in October, and the lowest 31/16d. in December—a range between maximum and minimum of 4.9/16d. as compared with a maximum of 33.11/16d., a minimum of 30/16d. and a range of 3.3/16d. during the previous year.

Notwithstanding the completion of purchases under the Pittman Act, the average price of silver was maintained last year at a substantially higher level than in 1923, due largely to European continental countries coming out as buyers instead of, as in recent years, sellers of the metal.

The total amount of silver imported into India and China during the year was standard ounces 169,750,000 against standard ounces 180,500,000 in 1923. Of this total China is estimated to have absorbed standard ounces 61,750,000 as compared with standard ounces 74,250,000 the previous year. From the figures it will be seen that the total amount taken by these two countries represents a large proportion of the world's output of the metal, estimated for 1924 at standard ounces 255,000,000.

With more settled conditions in Europe, the need is being felt for an increase in the depleted metallic currencies of the various countries, and already considerable purchases of silver have been made for coinage. It is not possible to estimate at all accurately the amount of silver required to build up these currencies, but it is likely to be on a scale sufficient to be an important factor in the silver market for some time to come.

During the latter months of the year India was not a keen buyer of the metal, due, no doubt, to the large demand for gold. This demand for the precious metal is not surprising in view of the present level of Indian exchange which enables the Indian natives to secure gold on cheaper terms than ever before. In pre-war days, with Indian exchange at 1/4, it took 15 Rupees to purchase a sovereign, whereas at the present level of Indian exchange, approximately 1/6, and sterling exchange with America at 4.76/2, a sovereign costs only about 13 Rupees 10 annas. Should Indian exchange be maintained at 1/6 when the pound sterling is re-established on its former gold basis, the value of a gold sovereign in India will be under 13 Rupees 6 annas—a price which might bring out hoardings of silver for exchange into gold.

In the circumstances it seems possible that we may see a falling off in the Indian consumption of silver for a time, though I venture to think it will only be temporary, as India must continue to be a large absorber of silver, the more precious metal being too expensive to supply the needs of the poorer classes.

The amount of gold available for sale in London for purpose of export is limited to the amount imported, and to that extent the market is a narrow one. During recent years gold has been treated as a commodity in Great Britain, and this will continue to be the case until such time as the embargo against its export is removed and the currency re-established on a free market for gold in London. The appreciation of sterling during the latter part of the year leads us to hope that the law prohibiting gold exports, which expires at the end of this year, may not be re-imposed, and that we may then see sterling restored to its former proud position of being the chief medium of exchange for purposes of international business transactions.

During the year India has taken the greater part of the gold available in London, in addition to large amounts direct from South Africa, the total amount imported into India being £11,496,000 from London and £15,274,000 from South Africa.

London Money Market.
Conditions in the London money market were again comparatively easy throughout the year. There was no change in the Bank of England rate which remained at 4 per cent., but the discount market, after ruling about 1 per cent. below Bank rate during the first half of the year, firmed up to 3.5/8—3.3/4, and this level was maintained for the balance of the year, thus showing the Bank rate was fully effective. While money was in better demand than the previous year, the supply was ample for all requirements, and there is no doubt about the resources of the money market being sufficient to enable London to maintain its position as the chief centre for the finance of International trade.

Foreign and colonial loans issued in the London market during 1924 amounted to £131,938,626 against £129,295,643 the previous year. Amongst the foreign issues included the Japanese Loan floated early last year for the purposes of Conversion and Redemption of the outstanding balances of the Imperial Japanese Government 4½ per cent. loans, first and second series issued in 1905, and to meet expenditure for reconstruction work necessitated by the disastrous earthquake in 1923. £25,000,000 was issued in London and U.S. \$150,000,000 in America, and met with great success in both markets. While, no doubt, sympathy with the Japanese in the disaster, they had suffered, played a part in the success of these flotations, I think the favourable reception of the Loans was due to the courage with which the Japanese faced the situation, and the confidence felt in their ability to surmount their difficulties. Importations for purposes of reconstruction have thrown the balance in the Japanese exchange, which dropped below 1/7 1/4, say, about 35 per cent. below the gold parity of the dollar, and has a long and difficult task to re-establish its currency on a firm gold basis, and to secure very much necessary to be gradually but once a start on the upward side is made, confidence will be inspired and Japan should have no difficulty in obtaining further assistance in foreign money markets in raising the loans needed for the purpose of reconstruction.

It is hardly necessary for me to recapitulate the many obstacles with which business in South China has had to contend. Piracy, brigandage, sporadic warfare, heavy taxation and generally unsettled conditions in Canton and the neighbouring provinces, have combined to make commerce difficult, and business in some lines, notably piece-goods and general imports, has been much restricted. It would be rather overstate the case to say that the outlook to-day is brighter; there are, however, indications of increasing confidence amongst the Chinese community, which, I hope, presage better times ahead in the not too distant future.

Had it not been for the severe summer floods in North China and the setback due to the outbreak of active hostilities in the districts round Shanghai and Tientsin in the autumn, favourable trade conditions might have been reasonably expected in those important centres.

But with trade very much restricted during the last four or five months, 1924 was not on the whole a satisfactory year for the Chinese or foreign business community.

CHINA'S CHAOS.
In making a review of events in China during 1924, it is difficult to avoid repetition of what was said from this Chair last year. The tragic tale of internal strife continues.

During the earlier months of the year, interest was focussed chiefly on events in South China, where a situation of great difficulty was created by Labour unions acting under Bolshevik influence.

It was not until mid-summer that developments in Central and North China attracted particular attention. It appeared indeed in these parts of the country, during the first half of the year, as though a period of tranquillity might possibly be approaching and we might witness a fulfilment of the Chinese belief that this year, the first of a new cycle in the Chinese annals, would introduce an era of peace.

But it was only a brief respite before the storm broke. From onward the

record is one of flood, famine and civil war. Rains of exceptional severity during that month inundated vast tracts of cultivated land in the Northern Provinces and rendered homeless and destitute village communities estimated at 30,000,000.

The outbreak of civil war in the autumn in the vicinity of Shanghai was followed by inconclusive fighting on a large scale in the neighbourhood of Shanhaikuan. Treachery achieved what actual warfare failed to accomplish, and the defection of one of his most powerful commanders brought about a debacle of Wu Pei-fu's forces. With the eclipse of its principal supporter, the collapse of the then Central Government speedily followed; to replace it a Provisional Government was established by the winning side under the leadership of Tuan Chi-jui. This Government, recognised informally by the Treaty Powers as the de facto organ of government, had shown little evidence by the end of the year of capacity to deal with the dire confusion into which the country had been plunged. Though it assumed office on November 23rd, nothing effective had been accomplished by the end of December to free the railways from the incursions of military interference.

The trade of the great part of Tientsin remained paralysed by the suspension of goods traffic, and great inconvenience to individuals besides serious commercial loss, has resulted from the stoppage of coal deliveries in mid-winter.

The year thus closed with no definite grounds for anticipating that speedy means could be found for the restoration of peace and for creating a form of government of sufficient stability to prevent further outbreaks of civil war. The problem is admittedly both vast and difficult. The revolution of 1911 tore up the roots of the Imperial regime and imported into the Chinese body politic western ideas of democracy, which the experience of the past decade has proved to be totally unsuited to Chinese needs. The Republic of the past thirteen years has now in its turn been overthrown by the events of the recent war and the establishment of the provisional government under a dictator. It is impossible to forecast the next development.

Past experience has taught us the futility of expecting much from the good resolutions of reform announced at their inception by successive Chinese governments, whose plans in this direction have invariably been abandoned when the magnitude of the task was fully realised, but we may at least note with satisfaction that the Chief Executive has inaugurated a representative Reorganisation Conference as a first step towards unification of the country on a broader basis than has yet been attempted. Much must depend on the spirit in which this conference meets, and whether a genuine desire is shown to achieve the practical results which are within its power, instead of weaving grandiose schemes impossible of realisation. The true friends of China can only follow the conference with anxious and sympathetic concern, and sincere desire for its success.

Salt Revenues.
During the recent civil strife, the practice on the part of the provinces of sequestering the Government salt revenues, which was already too prevalent, was widely extended, being adopted by the various military commanders, both antagonists and adherents of the Government, as a means of providing for the upkeep of their swollen armies.

A very appreciable portion of the serious decline of \$9,000,000 in the net salt revenue collected during 1924 as compared with 1923 is attributable to these depredations.

It may be questioned whether, in their desire not to interfere unduly in the settlement by the Chinese of their internal differences, the foreign powers concerned were well advised in not affording greater protection to the authority of the salt revenue administration set up under the Reorganisation Loan Agreement, which also provides that the salt revenue shall in the first place be security for that loan and other foreign obligations. As matters stand, the security of the bond holders is being steadily undermined, and the position promises to become increasingly serious unless really adequate measures

are taken without delay to safeguard the collection of salt dues.

The acquiescence of the Powers in the assumption by the military commanders of complete domination over the railways, and for which the railway revenues form the security, has also been much criticized. Certain it is that the Chinese merchant class, no less than the foreign community, would have welcomed any measures calculated to prevent the disorganisation of the railways which followed on military control and mismanagement, and the incalculable losses to Chinese and foreign business interests which have been the inevitable consequence.

From an undeniably gloomy picture it is agreeable to turn to an invariably bright spot on the horizon of Chinese affairs. In spite of the tale of floods, famine, civil war and the virtual strangulation of trade reported from many centres, the figures of the maritime customs revenue for the past year show an increase of Haikuan taels 6,050,000, or, at a somewhat higher average of exchange, about £1,700,000 over the previous highest collection, which was that of 1923.

The remarkable success achieved by the capable and conscientious administration of the Customs might well induce China to disregard the foolish agitators so frequently raised by misguided extremists, and employ a greater measure of expert foreign advice and assistance in the increasingly difficult task of debt consolidation.

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Position in India.
Advices from India report a satisfactory year in exports, the country's principal products finding good markets abroad. The finance entailed was handled by the Exchange Banks without much difficulty, thanks to the policy of the Indian Government, who, by buying Sterling on a large scale from the Banks, greatly assisted in providing the necessary funds.

In the absence of Government measures to ensure a fixed rate of exchange, the Sterling value of the Rupee has been subjected to fairly wide fluctuations. A steady exchange would appear to be to the benefit of the trade of the country, but there are so far no indications of this desideratum being attained in the near future.

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WHEN WOMEN RULE. TWO MILLION VOTES MORE THAN MEN. COMING FULL FRANCHISE.

Skirmishes In House of Commons.

Women instead of having two million votes less than men will have two million more when they are granted equality of franchise.

LABOUR'S LEAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 20. The equality of the sexes with regard to Parliamentary franchise was discussed in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. W. Whiteley (Labour) moving the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill providing for the enfranchisement of all women aged 21 and upwards on the same terms as men, argued against the Government contention that the Bill will necessarily mean a general election, immediately.

Mr. Whiteley suggested that as all the parties had agreed to the general principle, the Bill should be enacted on the understanding it should not be used until a general election.

Mr. Whiteley pointed out that adult franchise prevailed in Australia, New Zealand and the Irish Free State.

Miss E. Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Home Secretary in the Labour Cabinet, supported the Bill, and Mr. Whiteley's suggestion. He also suggested that the Speaker should preside at a conference on the effect of the measure on questions of redistribution, the cost of elections and corrupt practices.

Lady Astor's Vote.

Sir W. Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, moved a Government amendment for the rejection of the Bill on the ground that it would involve a general election and consequently an interruption to important legislative and administrative work, but asking the House to record its opinion that it considered a scheme of franchise reform should be submitted to the House of Commons within the life time of the present Parliament.

He pointed out that if the Bill were passed women voters would be in a majority of 2,000,000 over

men, instead of a minority of 2,000,000 as at present.

The Government intended to carry out its pledge to give equal political rights to men and women, but desired to do it by agreement, and have a conference of all parties to be followed by redistribution.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn (Liberal), said the Liberals unanimously favoured the Bill and asserted the Government was evading its pledge with regard to equal rights at twenty-one.

Sir W. Joynson Hicks, replying to a question, expressed the opinion that a conference should be established in 1926 to consider all questions involved and to introduce a Bill in 1927.

Lady Astor announced that she would vote for the Bill.

"Unholy," Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, supporting the Bill, expressed the opinion that the Government intended to wangle the franchise.

He declared that to lower the age for women to twenty-five and to increase it for men to twenty-five would be an unholy transaction.

The second reading was defeated by 220 votes to 153, and Sir W. Joynson Hicks's amendment was carried.

NEAR THE DAWN.

COTTON SPINNING HOPES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 20. Presiding at the annual meeting of the Federation of Cotton Spinners at Manchester, Mr. F. Holroyd said he was not unhopful of the future. He believed that by holding together a little longer they would return to profitable trading.

Some operatives were asking compensation for short time working but the industry was unable to stand further charges of this nature, and he hoped the operatives would realise the imperative of all pulling together.

STRIKE DANGER.

JAPAN SENDS NOTE TO CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, February 20. The Japanese Legation has sent a note to the Chinese Foreign Office drawing attention to the cotton mill strike at Shanghai and urging the Government to watch the strikers and prevent a repetition of the recent incident in which several Japanese employees were injured.

CABINET RESIGNS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, February 20. The Prussian Cabinet has resigned following the Diet's rejection of a vote of confidence by 221 to 218 votes.

FRANCE'S DEBTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 20. In the Chamber, M. Clementel, (Minister of Finance) said the remedy of the financial difficulties of France laid essentially in patient effort, thrift and hard work of the French people.

The Government proposes to devote 20 per cent. of the Dawes annuities to the creation of a sinking fund for the amortisation of the public debt.

M. Clementel said he had a semi-official promise that a loan of G.500,000,000 could be launched in the United States after the vote on the Budget. The improvement of the franc was essential in order to reduce the burden of foreign debt.

France did not repudiate her debts, but only asked that account be taken of the conditions under which they were contracted, and sufficient breathing space to enable the franc to recover. —Havas.

In attempting to alight from a P.W.D. motor lorry whilst in motion, a coolie working at the Government quarry, North Point, was seriously injured yesterday, and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital. One of the wheels of the lorry passed over the man's thigh, fracturing it, and he also sustained other injuries.

HANGS HERSELF.

WOMAN'S DEATH IN PRISON.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sofia, February 20. Madame Gitcheff, wife of an architect, who was detained by the police in connection with the recent murder of a sentry outside the military barracks, hanged herself in her cell by means of a napkin in which her food was brought to her.

The Gitcheffs have been native members of the Communist Party and are alleged to have been implicated in a recent series of outrages in Bulgaria.

The authorities possess information that Madame Gitcheff recently received at her house the individual who is believed to have murdered the sentry.

COSTLY BOOTY.

RARE ART TREASURES STOLEN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Hollywood, February 20. Art treasures valued at nearly half a million dollars, mainly Renaissance paintings, lace and antique silver, are missing from the home of Mr. Martin Weinschenck, President of the Weinschenck Company of Danzig.

The loss was discovered when Mr. Weinschenck returned from a holiday. The collection was insured for \$216,000 in London.

EMPIRE MATTER.

GENEVA PROTOCOL DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 20. Reuter has been informed that the British Cabinet cannot decide with regard to the Geneva protocol until the views of all the Dominions have been heard, but it may be expected that something in the nature of rejection of the protocol in its present form is inevitable and radical modifications in the scheme will doubtless be necessary.

Rome, February 20.—The Italian bank denies yesterday's reported purchase of Russian crown jewels. —Reuter.

H.M. THE KING.

"Making Slow Progress."

NO GROUND FOR ANXIETY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 20. A bulletin issued at 9.45 this morning stated, "Despite a somewhat restless night, His Majesty is making slow progress."

The doctors were somewhat longer with the King this morning and the bulletin was not issued officially until after 10 o'clock.

The lateness of the issue caused anxiety last progress were not favourable.

As was the case yesterday, there was happily no ground for anxiety, as the only unfavourable feature was his restlessness, on account of the bronchial trouble.

MAILS BY AIR.

DIRIGIBLE'S PIONEER VOYAGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

LAKEHURST, February 20. The dirigible "Los Angeles" has departed for Bermuda with a consignment of United States Mail.

This is the first time mail has been carried by an airship outside American territory.

WAR IN THE AIR.

BATTLESHIPS' DAY OVER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 20. Questioned before the Aircraft Committee of the House of Representatives about the official report on the aerial bomb test alongside the battleship "Washington" a few months ago to the effect that the explosions merely rocked the vessel, Brigadier Mitchell said the country ought to know the facts of this case so as not to be lulled into the belief that big ships are unsinkable.

He said the bombs were exploded too far from the sides of the "Washington" to have much effect, also, that the bombs dropped directly on the vessel were only landed with sand.

He asserted that any ship was absolutely at the mercy of air attack, and he predicted that if Army airmen were given a chance in the case of the battleship "North Dakota," which is to be used for bombing tests next summer, they could blow it out of the water.

BACK AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, February 20. M. Caillaux signified his return to political life last evening when he spoke at a banquet in his honour attended by two thousand people, including two members of the Government. M. Caillaux defended his policy, which was always based on preventing war through ententes and agreements with all the nations, which would naturally involve concessions. The men who governed during the war did not contemplate the great policy of an entente with the vanquished. If a different policy had been adopted they might have secured peace which would have given security as well as reparations.

He was of the opinion that the Anglo-French entente and gradual rapprochement of all the peoples in Europe was an essential condition of political reconstruction. France's debt account was so much in excess of her credit, that they might be compelled to pay the Allies more than they received from reparations. He was of the opinion that the Nationalists had not seized all the opportunities offered for settling up inter-Allied accounts. Nevertheless, the British Note promised a notable diminution of their debt. He hoped that discussions thereon would continue. M. Caillaux finally eulogised M. Herriot's incomparable services in restoring the European atmosphere and driving back the spectre of war. —Reuter.

A SOCIAL OFFENCE.

The person who goes about with a smelly breath is an offender against social harmony. Sweet pure breath is a necessity to every man and woman who desires respect and good-will. Usually it is that is needed to correct foul breath (an occasional dose of Pinkettes, the dainty little laxative) They also banish constipation, bilious attacks, sick headaches, regulate the liver, clear the skin, relieve piles. All chronic ailments, or not free, 6 cents the tin, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 90 Kings' Road, Shanghai.

A FAVOURITE ROAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

The golfer, the football player and the all-round athlete know the value of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is just the thing for a rub down after a hard game. All soreness disappears like magic and aches and swellings are cured in one-third less time than by any other treatment. For sale everywhere.

NUDITY FOR MORALS.

CLUB THAT IS DOWN ON CLOTHES.

PARADE IN HYDE PARK?

(Reuter's Service.)

Many Private Dances in "The Altogether."

"The People" reveals the amazing plans of a sun-bathing anti-clothing society of 200 members who are preparing to gather in Hyde Park, under the Marble Arch, and march stark-naked to bathe in the Serpentine.

London. Following the first issue of the journal "Bold Views," a representative of "The People," interviewed the editor and learned that 3,000 pamphlets had been distributed in London. The membership of the club was already 300, of whom 50 of both sexes had signified their willingness to demonstrate in Hyde Park, provided the total participants numbered 200.

Harold Johnson, the editor, told the representative of "The People": "Safety lies in numbers. The police can't arrest and carry to prison two hundred naked men and women. We can't be charged with exposure, because the law stipulates that such an act must be with intent to annoy. We do not intend to annoy, but to instruct. Many dances already have been held at a house in Bayswater, with all clothing removed."

"The People" is of the opinion that the society's nominal president is Prince Hopkin, an American millionaire, who married an English society girl in 1921, the wedding being a most exclusive Kensington affair. There are also many other prominent patrons who are ignorant of the real objects of the society, which even boasts of a letter from the Prince of Wales, though this is probably merely a formal letter encouraging any form of health campaign.

Residents of Regents Park were startled by the reception of the circular mentioned, which points out that the Sunray Club was started by "an emancipator" in May, 1924; its immediate aims being "to educate the public out of unwholesome, foolish, and prudish conventions, and substituting the nobility instead of the shame of the body."

"We recognise," the circular continues, "that nakedness is beneficial to morality, and is the only practical state for sun-bathing. Adults of both sexes are eligible, provided they are educated and of advanced views. As new members might feel embarrassment in meeting strangers in a state of complete nudity, it has been decided to permit the use of non-articulate draping not larger than five feet by three, which can be discarded at will."

"The emancipator's" special appeal to women states: "True modesty consists of being unconsciously naked."

The pamphlet enumerates the club's rules, which include the following:—

"Married couples must join together, unless a written certificate is produced showing the non-joining spouse's consent; "Every male applicant after June 1 must be accompanied by at least one lady friend, as the male waiting-list at present numbers several hundreds;

"Applicants must submit a full-length photograph, either completely naked or clothed in a bathing costume; preferential consideration will be given photographs of the nude."

Paris, February 20. —L'Echo de Paris declares that France would stand to lose most in the new Naval Disarmament Conference, whereat France would be faced by Japan and America, who would be in agreement to exercise their naval hegemony. France could only participate in such a conference if she had her rights recognised beforehand, in a preliminary agreement. —Reuter.

Moscow, February 20. —The Soviet Government has approved presentation of the Japanese Treaty to the Central Executive for ratification. A Japanese committee is reported as having proceeded to Sakhalin in order to prepare the work of landing over Sakhalin to the Soviet authorities. The Japanese ratification of the Russo-Japanese agreement is expected shortly. —Reuter.

Amsterdam, February 20. —In an article published in the Dutch Economic Review, dealing with the world oil production of 1924, Doctor Mantour estimates that the Royal Dutch production of 1924 will show an increase of from eight to nine hundred thousand tons and Mexico a reduction of 1,500,000 tons. The difference will probably be neutralised by the production in the United States, so that the production of 1924 will not differ much from that of 1923. —Reuter.

Moscow, February 20. —In an article in the "Izvestia" dealing with the Bessarabian question, M. G. Rakovsky says the Rumanian Government's request to Japan and Italy to ratify the Bessarabian Convention of 1920 is now legally and politically unjustifiable. He points out that Britain and France ratified the convention before the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet, but it would be "unprecedented if Japan and Italy, having resumed normal relations with the Soviet, should ignore the fact and enter into an agreement with Rumania for the disposal of Soviet mont. —Reuter.

Bombay, February 20. —Two of the persons arrested in connection with the Malabar Hill outrage of January 17, including Abdul Latif have been released. —Reuter.

Warsaw, February 20. —A Ministry of Finance communiqué states that the first instalment of \$35,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 loan by America was subscribed in a few hours, and that the remainder will be subscribed before August. The bonds carry 8 per cent. interest at 95 and quoted on the New York stock exchange at 95½. —Reuter.

Moscow, February 20. —According to Rosta Agency, reports from different districts the Union announce the failure of the elections to the local Soviets owing to an insufficient percentage of the electorate voting. The elections of the whole of the Novonikolaevsk Government were annulled, as under 35 per cent. of the electorate voted. New elections have been ordered. —Reuter.

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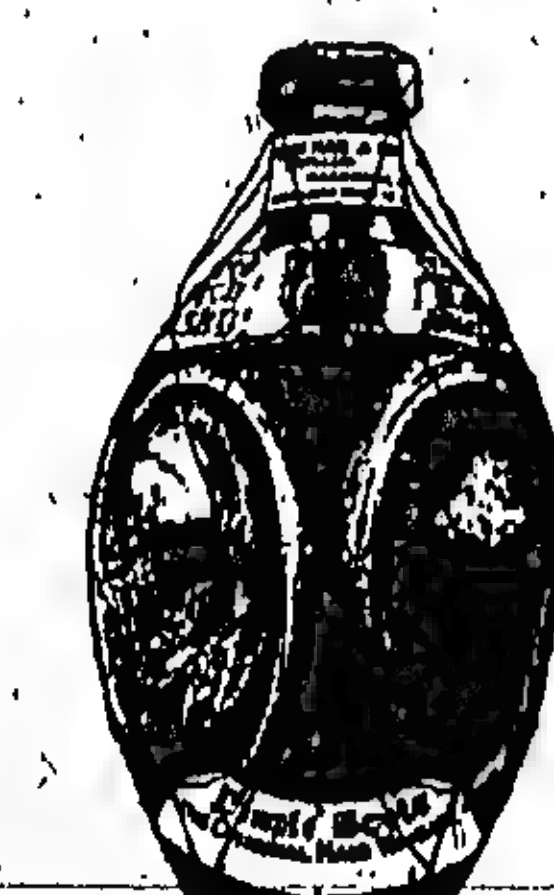
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Miss Bernice Crowl, 13-year-old shopgirl, is credited by the police with having brought about the capture of a bandit who held up the store in which she is employed at the point of a pistol. She chased the man into the arms of a policeman, though he turned several times and threatened to shoot her.



DR. P. C. CLEMENSON (Left).

Dr. Peter C. Clemenson has just returned from Copenhagen, where he went to study the efficacy of the new gold salts treatment, which specialists believe is a positive cure for tuberculosis.

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HISTORIC REPARATIONS MEETING.



ALLIED REPARATIONS GROUP.

Above is shown a meeting of the Allied leaders in the Paris Reparations Conference. From left to right in the group are M. Theunis, of Belgium; Winston Spencer Churchill, of England; M. Clemenceau, French Minister of Finance; Myron T. Herrick, American Ambassador to France; Signor Stefani, Finance Minister of Italy; Frank B. Kellogg, American Minister to England, and Viscount Ishii, of Japan. The photograph was taken at the Quai d'Orsay.



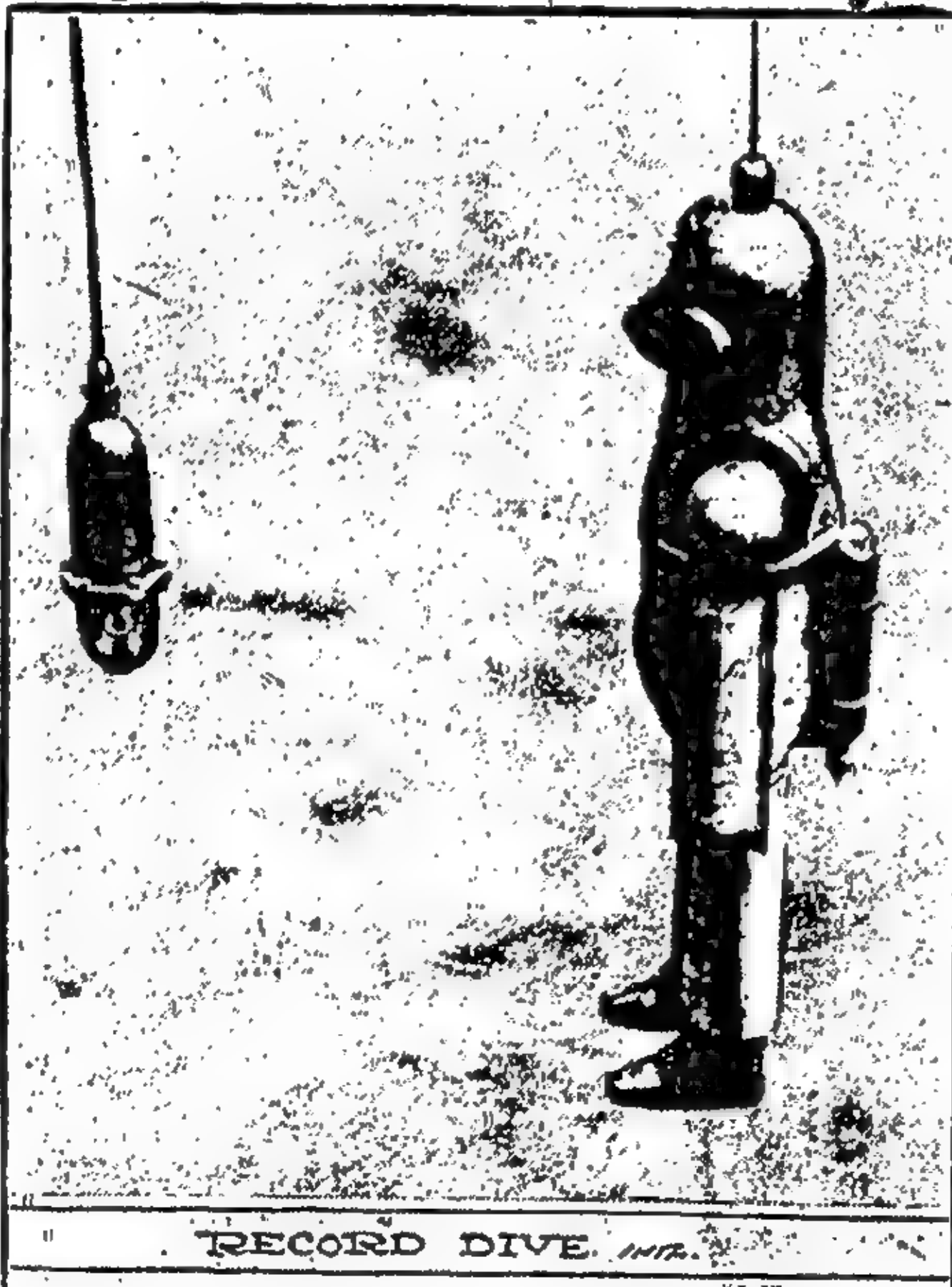
MRS. RALPH GREENLEAF

Above is shown Princess Nai Pui Tin, as she is known on the vaudeville stage. She was secretly married a few weeks ago, to Ralph Greenleaf, pocket billiard champion.



MRS. R. Z. WELLER

Mrs. R. Z. Weller, of Hollywood, has returned from a six months' stay in Paris, where she went to study the French counterpart of the American "happy" for a motion picture scenario she is writing.



RECORD DIVE.

Deep sea divers, equipped with this strange diving suit, the invention of Captain Benjamin Leavitt, and diving from the salvage ship "Blackie," have salvaged a \$100,000 cargo of copper from the wreck of the British frigate "Cape Horn," which went down in 318 feet of water off the coast of Chile in 1868. Special pressure resisting deep sea lights permitted them to see. This is the deepest man has ever dived, the record having been 182 feet. Leavitt, however, claims to have descended 361 feet in trials. He hopes to salvage the \$1,000,000 cargo of the "Lusitania," sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland in 1915. The deep sea lamp is shown just ahead of the diver.

Grand Duke Boris.



GRAND DUKE BORIS.

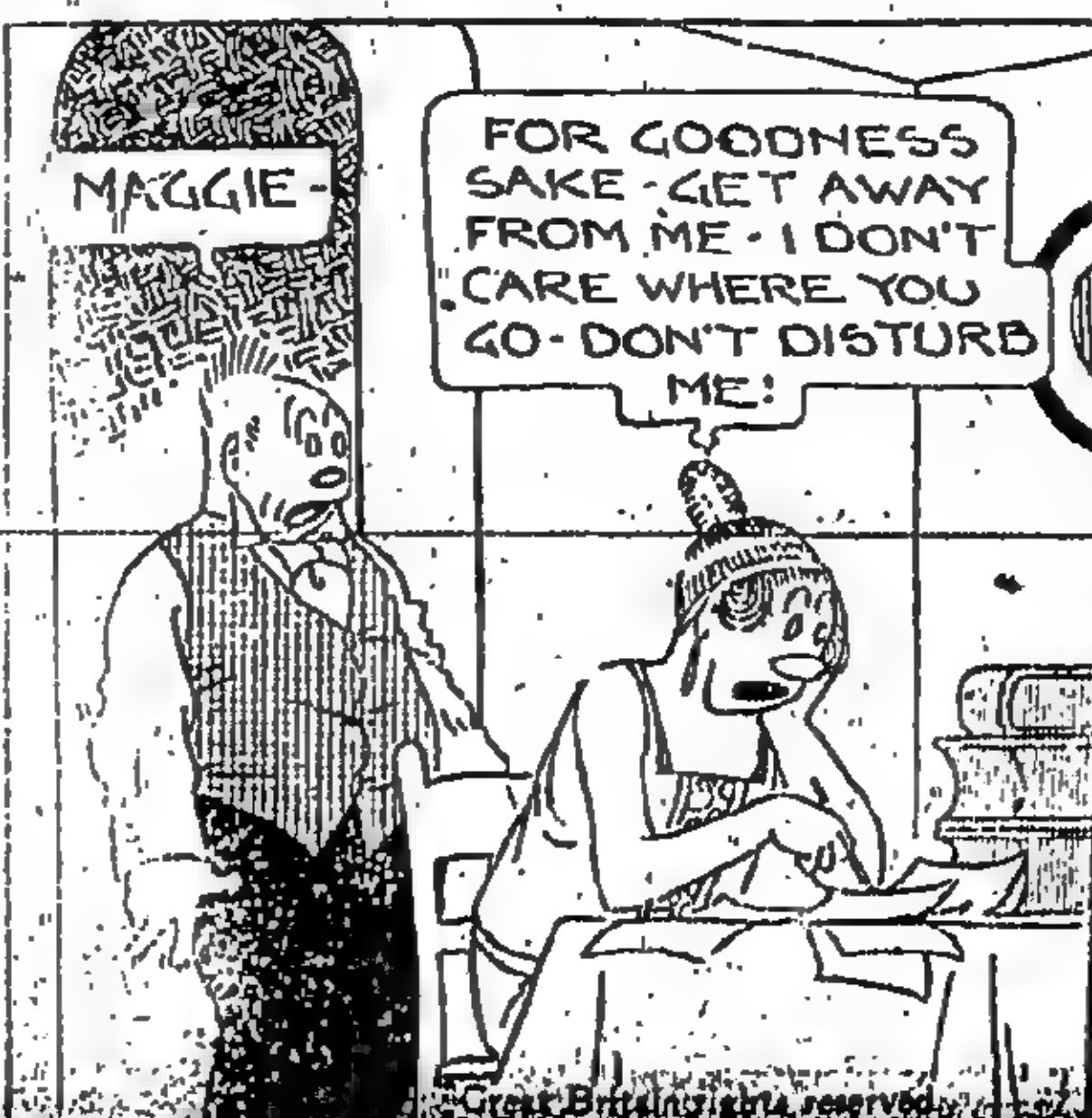
Grand Duke Boris, brother of Grand Duke Cyril, self-styled "Czar of the Russian," is reported to be en route to the United States for an extensive pleasure trip. He declared before sailing that his visit was in no way connected with politics. It was learned, however, that he has \$1,000,000 deposited in American banks, transferred from his Paris account during the war.



ABOVE: ANTONIO SALANDRA & SIGNOR AMENDOLA. BELOW: ANDREA TORRE & SIGNOR FEDERZONI.

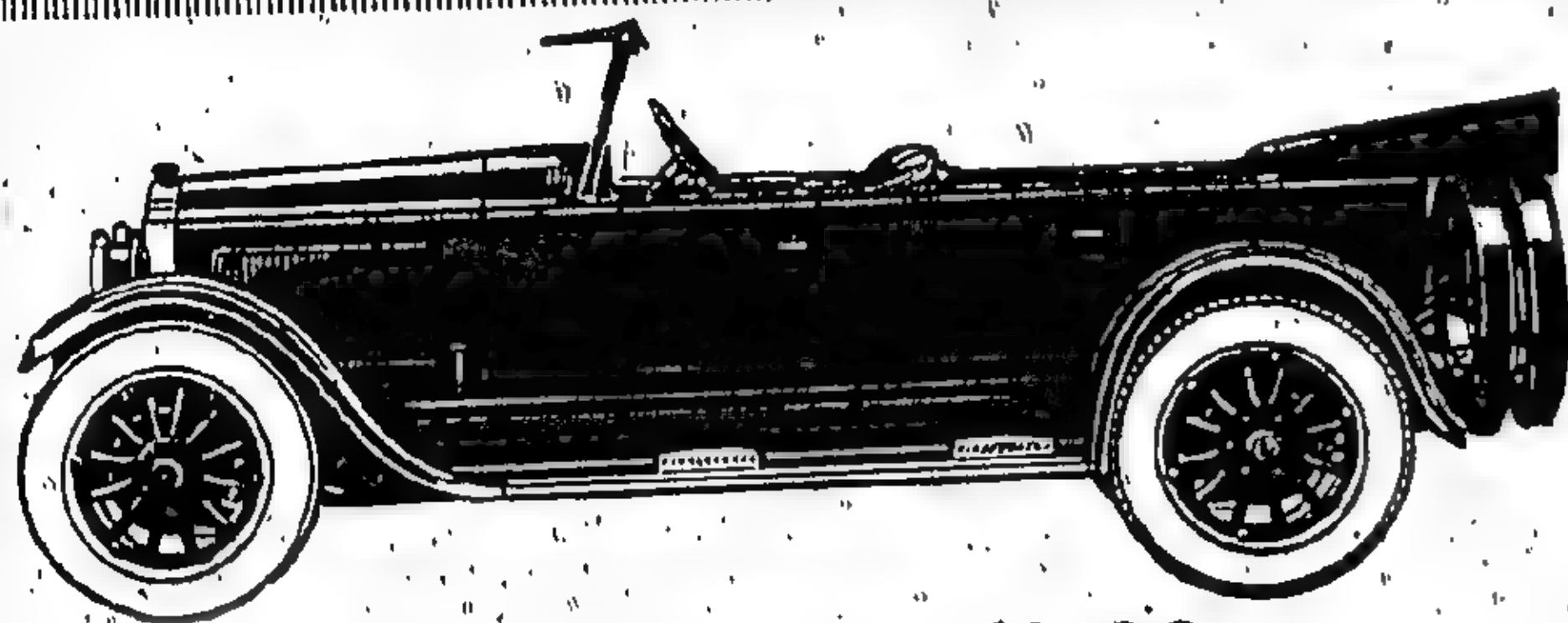
Here are four men who are prominently mentioned in the present political upheaval in Italy. Antonio Salandra, former Premier, caused a sensation by deserting Premier Mussolini, following the publication of documents that alleged Mussolini knew too much of the murder of the millionaire Socialist Deputy, Matteotti. Signor Amendola is the editor of the anti-Fascist journal "Il Mondo." Signor Amendola has been appointed to the Mussolini Cabinet to succeed Salandra. Signor Federzoni, Minister of the Interior in the Mussolini Cabinet, and head of the National Police, is primarily responsible for the action of the Fascist "Black Shirts."

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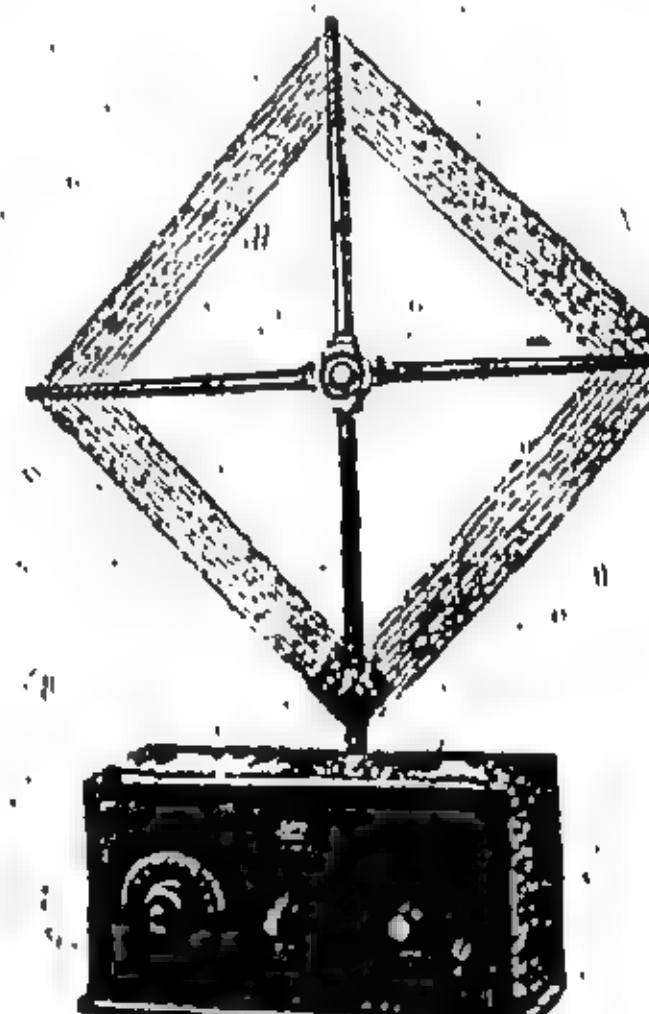
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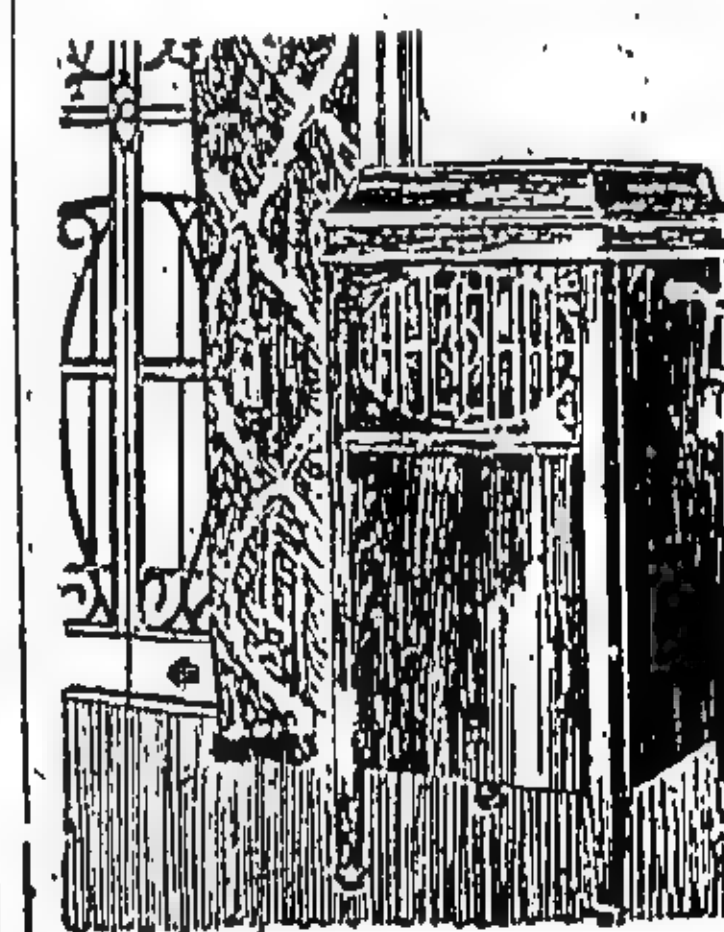
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Professor Carl J. Arnell, who was credited with knowing fifty-three languages, from that of the Eskimo to that of the African Hottentots, has died at Tacoma (Washington). He was Secretary to American Ambassadors to Japan for twelve years, and was the second white man to complete the course in Oriental languages in the Imperial University of Tokio. On leaving the American Embassy at Tokio Mr. Arnell became a professor in two Universities in the Japanese capital.

A mass meeting was held at the Public Park, Canton, on Saturday, to promote the cause of popular education among the masses. The Director of Education, Mr. Hsu Sung-ching, made an interesting speech. The students from various schools, who took part in the demonstration, formed a procession and marched through the streets, distributing pamphlets calling the attention of the public to the importance of education, and giving information about the twenty-free schools to which male and female students are admitted.

The Union of Native Banks, Hankow, has issued a circular warning the public that it is in receipt of information from the State Department of the United States to the effect that a number of forged \$50 notes have been discovered recently both in America and China. The notes are excellently printed and very difficult to detect and Chinese merchants should consequently be very careful before accepting American currency of this denomination.

The dandified appearance of young naval officers at Yokosuka station and their fondness for the fair sex have shocked their commanding officer, Admiral Kato, who has issued a rebuke. It is said that they perfume themselves and do their hair in the way split in the middle and plastered down with cosmetic. The "Yamato" says that Yokosuka is not the only place where the gay sea dogs behave in this fashion. In the good old days, of course, naval officers were stern fellows who cared not for the glance of a sparkling eye—with the exception of Nelson and a few million others.

A concordat has been signed between Poland and the Holy See.

Fifty thousand rifles and eight million rounds of ammunition have been ordered by the Lithuanian government. These are being shipped to Lithuania on an Italian steamer.

Two persons were killed and more than fifty hurt in New York, on February 9, in a series of transit collisions whilst one of the heaviest fogs in many years enveloped the city.

The Chicago Tribune correspondent cabled on February 10 that Zinoviev has predicted an early outbreak of a new war which would be started by Poland or Rumania attacking Russia.

Trams are again running in Peking, the strike having come to a quick halt owing to the men taking warning by a direct hint given to them that unless they returned to work immediately there would be no more trams for them to run.

Sixteen Chinese stowaways who were attempting to gain illegal entry to the United States were discovered aboard the Pacific Mail liner "Ecuador" on arrival of the vessel at New York on January 16, by detectives. They were taken to Ellis Island to await deportation proceedings.

Over 10,000 books in 48 cases sent from the Netherlands to the library of the Tokio Imperial University, which was destroyed at the time of the earthquake of 1923, have arrived in Tokio. These books comprise all kinds of valuable works. The authorities are preparing to commemorate the donation permanently.

A clerk in the insured mail department of the G. P. O. at Chungking got away with a sight-bearer draft for over ten thousand dollars. He told his parents that he had been transferred to a down-river post. His story to the postal authorities was that he was sick and wanted five days leave to rest up. Up to date he has not been found. It is supposed that he caught a boat bound for Ichang and escaped to the large cities in East China.

To-morrow is Shrove Sunday and the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, the famous President of America.

Under the auspices of the Netherlands community in Hongkong, the interesting film, "Netherlands," or "Holland," descriptive of the country, its people, customs and industries, etc., was screened for the benefit of the Children at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening.

The first annual meeting of the Hongkong Angling Club will be held on Monday, March 2, at 5.30 p.m., in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

In view of the reports that Marshal Wu Pei-fu is preparing once more to start trouble, his ally, Marshal Hsiao Yao-nan (Tupun of Hupeh), has ordered eight gunboats to proceed to Marshal Wu's temple retreat at Hsian-shan, to keep a close watch on him.

Representatives of railway labourers from the provinces have arrived in Peking with the object of participating in the memorial service for their colleagues killed two years ago by the forces of Marshal Wu Pei-fu. It is learned that numbers of scrolls in Chinese characters from influential personages in Peking, including the Minister of Communications, have been sent to the Labour headquarters, whilst many officials have been invited to make addresses on the occasion.

The dry weather has had a curious effect on the waters of Tokio Bay, which have become clear with an indigo hue. The bottom is visible even at a considerable distance from the shore. It is, of course, natural, when so little silt is being brought down by the rivers, but the unusual phenomenon scares fishermen, who anticipate some new catastrophe. The fishermen further complain that their catches of oysters and clams in the bay have declined by 50 per cent. According to Mr. Kamiya of the Fisheries Institute, the dearth of fresh water flowing into the bay reduces the supply of the small sea creatures on which shell fish live.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Very Rev. C. W. Smith, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.F., arrived in Hongkong from North China by the s.s. "Huichow" to embark on the "Derbyshire."

The resignation of Yuan Chin-kai from the Presidency of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Eastern Railway has been accepted by Marshal Chang Tso-lin and Lu Jung-huan appointed in his stead.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lieut.-Commander Roland Leeds, of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and Miss Betty Nora Dawson, of Shanghai.

Passengers leaving Hongkong by the "Empress of Australia" yesterday included Messrs. J. Gubbay, E. B. McBain, R. E. Toeg, F. R. Vida, and C. F. Charles van Ufford.

Passengers arrived yesterday by s.s. "Soudan" from Bombay and Singapore included Commr. and Mrs. Gordon and children, Captain C. G. O. Brennan, Professor Rankoni, Mr. W. L. Dunbar.

Mr R. W. Small, the manager of Messrs. Whiteway and Laidlaw's Tailoring branch, is in hospital, where he has just undergone an operation for appendicitis. He is reported to be progressing favourably. Mr. M. C. Lott, of the Penang branch is acting for Mr. Small.

In recognition of his having completed 40 years' service with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Portuguese staff of the head office have presented Mr. C. F. de Carvalho with a silver tea service. Mr. Carvalho, accompanied by his wife, son, and his sister (Miss Edith Carvalho) will leave for Europe on the s.s. "President Pierce" on February 28.

The funeral of Mr. Andrew Yu Ming-chung, which took place at the Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley on Thursday, was very largely attended. The cortege, which passed through the town from the Government Civil Hospital, was met at the entrance to the cemetery by the Rev. Father Banchio, Rector of the Cathedral, other clergy, and European and Chinese Sisters, among whom was a sister of the deceased.

The late Mr. G. Fitz-Adam Ormiston, director of the Eastern Produce and Estates Co., left an estate worth £85,880.

Sir Montague Butler, ex-President of the Indian Legislative Assembly, took over the Governorship of the Central Provinces on January 26 from Sir Frank Sily.

In the "Peter Pan" film at the London Pavilion, it is strange to find a pretty little Chinese girl, Anna May Wong, playing the part of "Tiger Lily" and leading a fierce party of real Red Indians.

Mr. Herbert Greenhough Smith, for thirty-four years editor of the Strand Magazine, celebrated his 70th birthday on January 5 and received a testimonial. Among the signatories were Viscount Burnham, Lord Riddell, Sir Rider Haggard, Sir Hall Caine, Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. G. K. Chesterton, Mr. Clement Shorter, Mr. A. E. W. Mason, Mr. A. S. M. Hutchinson, and Mr. W. W. Jacobs.

St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, was the scene of a pretty and popular wedding on February 11, when Miss Marjorie Stuart Robertson of Shanghai, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Robertson of Victoria, B. C. became the bride of Mr. Arnold Victor Hitch, who is connected with Messrs. Noel Murray & Co., of Shanghai, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hitch Bexley, Kent, England. The Rev. Father Macdonald, S.J., officiated. The civil service took place at H. B. M. Consulate before Mr. J. T. Pratt, C.M.G., Acting Consul-General.

The Singapore Volunteer Orders contain the following: Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Spencer, D.S.O., M.C., desires to express his sincere thanks to all those members of the S. V. C., who entertained him at dinner on January 10 and to say how greatly he values the cordial expressions of good-will manifested on that occasion. Major F. J. M. Postlethwaite, O.B.E., would like to be made known how greatly he esteems the honour of having been selected for the Command of the S.V.F. and the S.V.C. He feels sure he may count on the same loyal support from all ranks as that accorded to his predecessor in the task of promoting the future welfare and efficiency of the Force.

Mr. J. W. Roeloffs Volk, solicitor and notary public of Batavia who is about 45 years of age, is one of the law students of the newly established Law College in Java.

Marshal Tuan performed a graceful act the other day in calling personally on Dr. Sun Yat-sen at the P. U. M. C. Hospital. He was unable to see Dr. Sun, who was weak but showing great courage, but talked for a quarter of an hour with Madame Sun, who was touched by his attention.

The Resident Councillor of Penang, the Hon. Mr. A. B. Voules recently unveiled the Memorial Tablet erected in the Caledonia Club, Province Wellesley to the memory of the men who fell in the Great War, from Caledonia and the neighbouring estates. Amongst those present were Major Postlethwaite, Major Robertson, O.C., Major Dr. Taylor, Hon. Mr. Thorne, Capt. Lovell, Adjutant, Capt. R. M. Richards. The Guard-of-Honour of 20 men was under the command of Lieut. Purcell and was drawn up inside the Club.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on February 11, when Miss Mabel Mary Wright, sister of Mrs. A. E. Baker of Shanghai, became the bride of Mr. Leopold George Ridgway, of the Shanghai-Hongchow-Ningpo Railway and the newly-elected Vice-President of St. Patrick's Society. The Very Rev. Dean Symonds, assisted by the Rev. W. Robbins, officiated. The civil service took place earlier in the day, at H.B.M. Consulate before Mr. J. T. Pratt, C.M.G., Acting Consul-General.

Mr. Justice T. F. Garvin, K.C., of Ceylon will sail for Home on March 4, and will be present when the "British Ensign" case comes up in appeal before the Privy Council. He will represent the Ceylon Government as counsel in the appeal. In this case the claim against the Ceylon Government approximates a million rupees and judgment was given against the Crown by Mr. L. M. Maartensz, District Judge, though reversed in appeal by the Court of Appeal in Ceylon. Mr. C. Brooker-Elliott, K.C., another well-known advocate of Ceylon will also be at Home when the appeal is taken up on behalf of the plaintiff appellants. During the absence in Ceylon of Mr. Justice Garvin on the Supreme Court Bench, Mr. L. M. Maartensz, District Judge, will act for him as a Puisne Judge.

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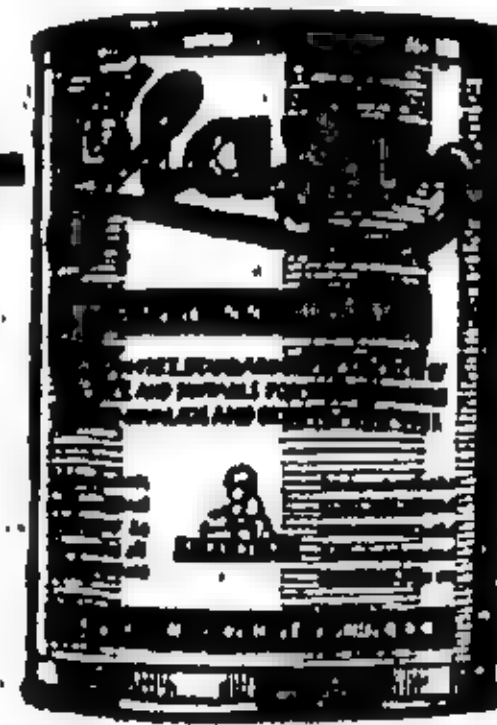
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HONGKONG'S LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED.

A bill to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance of 1871 will be introduced into the Legislative Council on February 26. The object of this bill is to repeal section 29 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871. The history of the section is shortly this. In 1878, Mr. Rowett, an unofficial member of the Legislative Council, brought forward a motion to the effect that it was desirable that barristers should be permitted to take business from clients direct in all cases except those in which litigation had been actually commenced. This motion did not go so far as the section goes, but the official view of the motion seems to have been that it practically amounted to a motion for amalgamation. There is some doubt as to whether Mr. Rowett did intend amalgamation. However that may be, his main argument was that "the practice of law was then in the hands of two or three attorney's firms who managed to screw the most extortionate charges from the unfortunate people who had to go to law." He made it clear that his object was to reduce costs. The Attorney-General proposed an amendment to the effect that it was expedient to modify to a certain extent the rules of the legal profession which restricted barristers from giving consultations and transacting other business, in certain cases, without the intervention of an attorney, but that such modifications should be expressly defined and limited so as to meet the public without effecting an amalgamation. The amendment was carried, and the resulting legislation was what now appears as section 29 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1871. The result was a curious one, but it seems clear that amalgamation was not intended. On the other hand, a one-sided and partial amalgamation was in fact effected.

This is one objection to the section in question, i.e., that it effects a one-sided and partial amalgamation. The view has been expressed that amalgamation would be desirable in Hongkong. That view has not hitherto been adopted by the Government. Whether amalgamation is desirable or not, however, there seems to be no good reason now for the peculiar provisions of the section in question. It may have been fully justified at the time when it was first introduced, but there seems to be nothing in modern conditions which calls for its retention.

Another objection to the section is that it is very doubtful what exactly it authorises. Opinions differ on this point. Where the law and etiquette of the legal profession are the same as in England it is always possible to get a decision from the Bar Council on any disputed matter of this kind, but the Bar Council would probably refuse to express any opinion as to the etiquette in Hongkong seeing that we have altered the English rules by our local Ordinance. A decision could be obtained from the Supreme Court here but possibly only upon an application to strike a barrister off the roll, a proceeding which one would be very slow to institute where there was room for a genuine doubt.

Whatever the limits of section 29 may be the section undoubtedly enables a barrister to do a certain amount of work which is usually done by a solicitor, and on one view, though probably a strained one, it enables a barrister to do almost anything which can be done by a solicitor. An objection to this from the point of view of the public is that while a solicitor is liable to be sued for negligence a barrister is not so liable, and it is very doubtful whether the section would make him liable.

For these reasons it has been decided to go back to the former state of affairs and to make the rules of both branches of the legal profession the same as those in force in England from time to time for the time being, subject to a few local provisions which have never given any trouble, and probably all of which are in harmony with the spirit of the English rules. One provision is that contained in section 30 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1871, which allows solicitors to practise as advocates before the Supreme Court in its Summary Jurisdiction. This is in accordance with the practice in the County courts in England.

The present section 23 provides that the rules of the legal profession are to be modified to the extent mentioned in sections 29 and 30. The bill proposes to substitute for this a section declaring that the law and practice relating to the two branches of the legal profession shall be the same as the law and practice in force in England from time to time for the time being.

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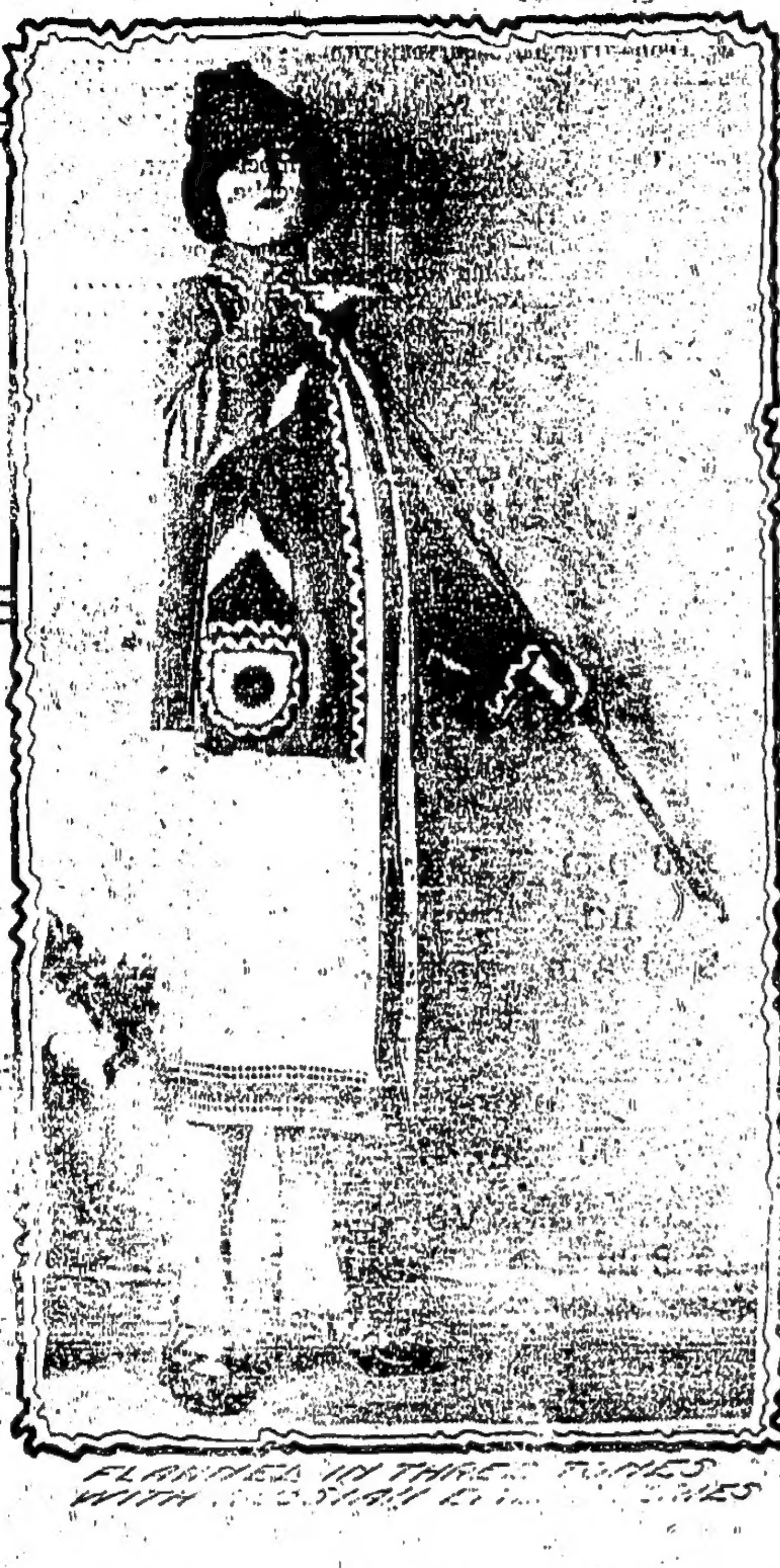
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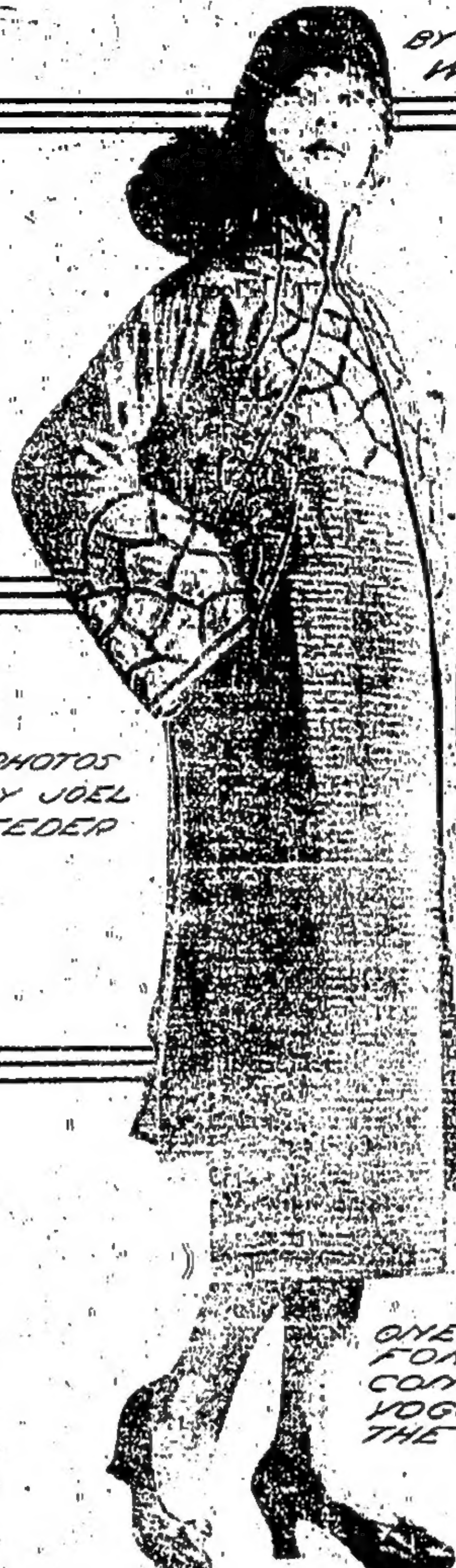
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Canterbury, the aristocrat of woods, the sturdiness of walnut, with its rarely beautiful grain; the "linden" and "old" type of New England furniture; the period furniture, reminiscent of other eras and other settings; these are of the past, yet of the present. They are of today, though influenced by yesterday. The home has changed—from a certain prescribed stiffness of interior to a liveliness that is, at one and the same time, spontaneous, democratic, of a comfortable personality, and no one type of furniture, no one period, no one special wood makes it so. It makes use of the livable graciousness of mahogany, a wood that always contributes what one might call livability, of walnut in antique finishes that are a very modern process, of woods that are efficient, yet capable of luxury—they seem to have found each other! And one scheme does not dominate a whole house, nor does one type dominate a room—a fundamental that contributes to the restfulness of the individual room.

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"worm-holes." He catches the dourness, the grimace, the solid dependability of the representative, the frivolous, the happy-go-lucky, the rollicking, each in its way a reflection of another type of folk than ours. With something of the long-ago in its inspiration, cherry painted pieces brighten our sleeping rooms, our breakfast nooks, our dining rooms. It has a happy way of making space—this type of furniture, and it is often found extremely satisfactory in a much-needed living room. Its colour is alluring, and the woman who can be anything but cheerful over her breakfast service, when it is set in surroundings of soft yellow, old blue, ecru grey, demure, an inevitable "pastoralist." The cupboards are set on woods that are sturdy—bark or maple, and many times red or birch is used as a base. In the illustration the table has a painted top, and the pattern of the red and of the cushions repeat the colours of the enamel. There is some of this type of furniture in quaint, while they are artistic, and the drop leaf tables, the spindle-back, wood-seated chairs that are seen in some of the suits, are nothing short of exquisite. It is strange—for many of these sets came to us from the hands of artists in colour and design.

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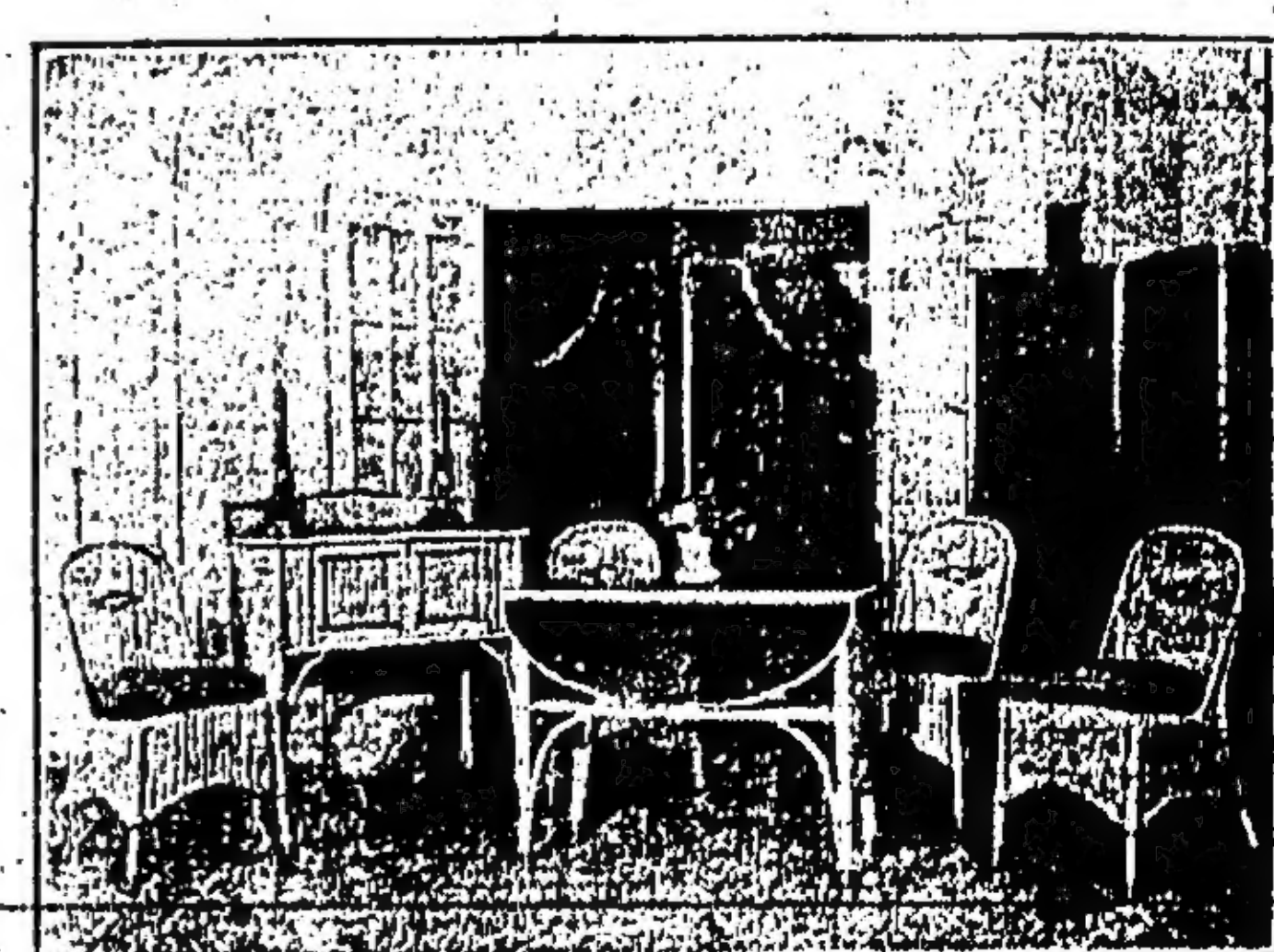
THAT satin is much in favour for the dressy afternoon frock as well as for the evening gown? It is embellished in many ways—by beading, embroidery, lace and lends a luxurious note.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**FOOTBALL.****ETHICS OF CHARGING A****PLAYER.****SCOTTISH RULING.**

The ethics of charging formed the subject of an interesting discussion at a meeting of the Football Referees' Association, in Glasgow, Mr. C. Bilney introduced the debate by asking if a player, charged an opponent when he was not on the ball, should he be penalised?

For example, he continued, suppose two men were making for a ball which was, say, three yards ahead of them. When alongside each other one gave the other a good shoulder charge. Under such circumstances had any infringement been committed? The man was certainly not on the ball when he was charged, but, nevertheless, no infringement was committed.

There seemed a general feeling among players and spectators that a man must be "on the ball" before he can be charged. How this notion arose, Mr. Bilney said, was not clear. It was made of ball in the rule, which reads: "Charging is permissible, but it must not be violent or dangerous."

That was the rule, and from that Mr. Bilney took it that a man could be charged irrespective of whether he was on the ball or not, provided he was reasonably near the ball.

Two other players looked for a foul if he was charged when he is not "on the ball." In fact, in a Council decision (December, 1910), referees were instructed that they must allow a fair charge and that charging must not be penalised unless it was violent or dangerous. Referees generally construe this law too strictly whereas they are expressly required not to do so.

A player who had speed and lacked weight was allowed to use that advantage of speed. Why, therefore, should a player, who lacked speed but had the weight, not be allowed to use his advantage provided he used it legitimately?

Whenever a player was charged when he was not on the ball, and no award was given, then there was a great outburst in the referee from the spectators. "The idea that a player must be on the ball before he could be charged was purely mythical, and no grounds could be found in the rule to substantiate it."

If a player saw that his opponent was going to get the ball, then Mr. Bilney said he could shoulder charge that opponent provided he did not do so violently or dangerously. It seemed to him to be sound judgment on the player's part to do so, as he was permitted by rule to prevent his opponent thus getting the ball. He knew some of his colleagues disagreed with him, but he held to the rule as it was written—"charging is permissible" irrespective of whether the man was on the ball or not.

QUESTION OF OBSTRUCTION.

In the discussion which ensued, opinions were somewhat divided. One member suggested that we are expected to read into the rules and therefore take it that a man is expected to be on the ball before he can be charged. To that argument Mr. Bilney pointed out that we simply must take the rules strictly as they are written. We cannot read into them in any way as was exemplified by the advantage recently taken of the new corner kick rule, where two or three words changed to be omitted and yet the intention of the law was quite apparent.

Another view was that in preventing the opponent getting at the ball the player was obstructing his opponent. This, Mr. Bilney grants, (but obstruction (unless by holding) was not a punishable offence under the rules. Where a player intentionally obstructs he may be charged from behind but no award can be given against him for obstruction.

"If a ball is in the air and two men are waiting on its descent, when one shoulder charges the other in order to get the ball, surely this is a foul," said another member. Provided it was a fair shoulder charge, said the lecturer, there was absolutely no ground for awarding a foul, even though the ball was still in the air. In the majority of cases in which a free kick was given under such circumstances the offence was not charging but obstructing.

Several speakers indicated that they were sympathetically disposed to the idea that a man must have the ball before he can be charged. At the close, Mr. H. Bloomer gave it from the chair that charging was permissible whether a man was on the ball or not.

RACING.**"NATIONAL" GRAVE FOR****EARLY HOPES.**

The National is notoriously a grave for early hopes—and also one for "final hopes" which do not get round. Nor can anybody say really what horses are sure to be wanted for Lincoln purposes, and we can safely wager, says a Home paper, that any likely French invaders will not be as flatteringly treated as Sir Gallahad III. was last March.

Mr. Sol Joel has such a special fondness for the race—and his candidates are always there or thereabouts—that backers inevitably look around for his most likely candidate. Older horses like Pondoland and Evander will not appeal so much, and we can safely predict the absence of Polyphontes, who will probably be out for a City and Suburban or Jubilee coup. Like Pharos was last season, Polyphontes will probably be the best-handicapped four-year-old in England over a mile and a quarter.

Pasha is already paraded as one of the shortest-priced of the Lincoln possibilities. He is a difficult horse to weigh up, but he was certainly unfortunate in both the Cambridge and his later Liverpool engagements. He was kicked at the post at Newmarket and received two severe cuts at Liverpool.

De Mestre sent him subsequently to Lord Westminster's place to be schooled over hurdles, but, of course, the horse has had to be given ample time to recover from his injuries. He might easily make a champion recruit, for he is superior class to the leading three-year-olds which we have already seen doing well over hurdles.

Whether he is to take to hurdling seriously remains to be seen, but it might be construed into a Lincoln tip if he is returned to Newmarket in February for Walter Earl to put to flat galloping again. Pasha is still a bit of a puzzle to us, but we do not like to call him a flatcatcher by any means. A mile is probably his best distance, and he has the necessary speed for the fast Carlisle journey. All the same, it would be obviously rash to jump in over him.

Earl will no longer have the charge of Dinkie, who is another Lincoln type, though he took more time to come to hand last spring. Dumas' physical welfare will have to be watched; Hogg had hardly time to wind him up last autumn after a long absence through serious mishap.

A very likely Lincoln candidate is Bachelor's Fort, despite her sex and despite her Derby and Manchester failures after her second in the Cambridge. It may depend, however, how she is handicapped with Pasha. Grave Fairy may make another bold bid for the spoils, but it is a question whether the Irish mare will quite last home. She is undoubtedly well handicapped in this country compared with her best home form.

Reverting to other likely Lincoln entrants, we note All Green, Crimson Dawn (whom, however, we prefer over a shorter distance), Dawson City, D'Orsay, the tubed, Despatch, Irish Eagle, Wykeham, Jarvie, Gavotte, The Owllet, Light-house, Hurrybelle, Sovol, Croellan, Mignault and Woodend. Of course, Fred Darling might engage Tom Pinch as well as Despatch, and Tom Pinch is always a confounded nuisance. You dare not leave him out, yet he is just the sort to let you down in a big field.

Dawson City is not the easiest customer to train, and we would rather take a chance with another speed four-year-old like Woodend. He has a bit of class, and will probably be reasonably treated. Purple Shade will doubtless be a good thing when he is fancied, but you must go slow over a fine sprinter which could only see the goal once as a three-year-old.

Without therefore being at all definite, we shall certainly watch the progress of Woodend, Bachelor's Fort and Pasha.

GOLF.**CANADIAN CHAMPION AND****BRITISH TITLE.**

Miss Gienna Collett, who for the past two years has held the Canadian ladies' championship and who was American champion in 1922, may, according to Walter Hagen, take part in this year's British championship at Troon. It is the intention of Miss Collett to receive tuition from Hagen, and to practise daily with him on the Bock Clegg Country Club's course. The prize money in the "Daily Mail" golf tournament, the final stages of which will take place at Hollinwell, Notts, on May 13 and 14, has been increased from £1,000 to £1,200. This will enable all the 100 players who qualify from the various sections to receive prizes ranging from £5 up to £300.

BOXING.**SEARCH FOR A WORLD'S****CHAMPION.**

It is sincerely to be hoped that boxing entertainments at the Albert Hall will be carried on in the usual excellent manner. In the truly British never-say-die spirit, Mr. Harry Jacobs is endeavouring to discover some heavy-weight Englishman who can be looked upon as a probable world's champion. In Phil Scott and Jack Stanley we shall see, a week hence, two fine big men who lack nothing physically.

What they may lack mentally, in a boxing sense, has to be found out, but each man is good enough, a boxer to take advantage of any deficiency in the other.

Up to a certain point, both Scott and Stanley are splendid boxers. In the scientific application of punches at an unguarded object they are splendid; but neither has that instinct which tells a man that, having gained something of an advantage he should drive it home with all possible speed.

Pretty boxing they can both give to us, and each is capable of delivering big blows; yet they are both lacking in that virile toughness which marks the difference between our heavy-weights and those of, say, America, where they seem able to breed big frames combined with big brains.

Have been assured, says a Home writer, that Kid Lewis has got his hands right again, and will be suffering no handicap in his contest with the French champion, Francis Charles. As a fightwinner there have been few boxers the equal of Lewis, and yet we must reach the sad conclusion that he is not now so good as he used to be.

Charles has never been nearly so good as Lewis, and the Frenchman cannot be regarded as at his best. Thus we arrive at the probability that Lewis should win this contest. Of course, when Lewis met Milligan he had all the unconditioning which follows upon appearance in revues. He has not got that handicap on this occasion, and it is the most natural thing in the world to assume that he will be all the better for the fact.

Have never had anything but an aversion to a match made as that between Harry Mason, light-weight champion, and Sonny Bird, one of the biggest hitters for a long time, that the world has ever known.

Of course, quite a lot is being made of the fact that Bird must get down to fight. He can do that and be strong, and has gone the sensible way about doing it, for after his sharp contest with Whitehouse of Wednesday, he returned to Shoburness for training.

By this means Bird will be able to exercise, feed and box himself down to the weight required. There will be no rippling off of unwanted flesh, but just a gradual attaining of condition, so that I expect to find the Chelsea boxer quicker and better than we have ever yet seen him.

Bird is unfortunate in this; he is between weights. He could not do the light weight and be fit. At his best, he must be nearly half a stone below the welter.

But Bird is fortunate in another respect: he has the punch of a 12st. man. As far as his contest with Mason is concerned, it strikes me that Bird has but to get in just one of his solid hits, with either left or right, in order to settle the business.

All the same, however, it is not nice to think that a 10st. man with a 21st. punch is to meet a lightweight. Mason is far cleverer than is generally assumed. If he can keep clear of Bird, he might win on points; but one wonders what will happen when one thinks of the times that Bird has sent Jack Bloomfield staggering backwards with punches on the chest delivered with gloves as big as sofa cushions.

The latest about the Gibbons v. Filipo fight, which the National Sporting Club hope to stage in London, is that Gibbons is asking for a guarantee of £18,750 and £250 expenses. American managers are truly optimistic.

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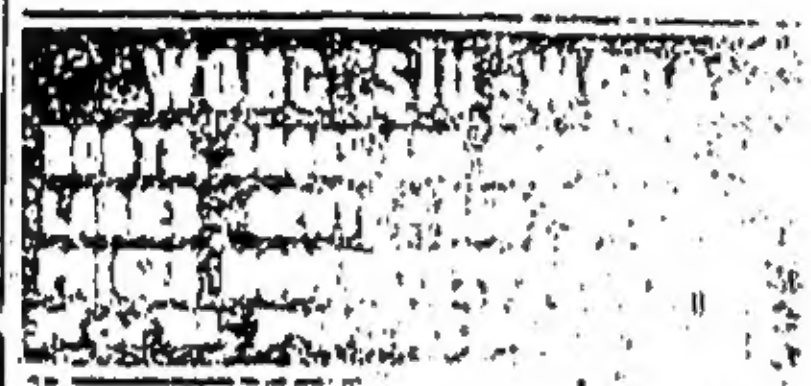
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From Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., general agents for the company, it was ascertained that about 100 Chinese passengers were on the ship at the time of her stranding, but these have been taken off. It happened that the China Navigation steamer Szechuan, (agents, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) was leaving Swatow for Hongkong. She towed out a number of junks from that port, and the passengers were removed in the native craft.

Beyond stating that the No. 1 hold had ten feet of water and a salvage tug was urgently required, the message received gave no details.

Yesterday evening, the Whampoa Dock Co.'s tug Henry Keswick left with the Indo-China Co.'s superintendent and Lloyd's representative with the apparatus needed to render assistance and to tow the Fooshing off if deemed advisable.

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The photographs appearing elsewhere in this issue shows a few items of the demonstration and the attendance of Kai Fongs of Un Long and Cheung Chow who witnessed the demonstration.

GAZETTE ITEMS.

Mr. W. O. Lammert has been appointed Acting Government Marine Surveyor and Mr. R. Hunter Temporary Assistant Government Marine Surveyor.

An Exequatur empowering Mr. J. Clement, the Consul-General for Belgium at Canton, to act as Belgian Consul-General for Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

The Hongkong facilities for the enforcement of court judgments have been extended to include Bermuda.

A Chinese woman was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday after she was knocked down by a motor car at Lai-chikok Road. The injuries were not of a serious nature.

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